

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT



TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1955

SOUTHBRIDGE TYPESETTING COMPANY
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
1956

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1955

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

Armand O. DeGrenier, Chairman	1955
J. Gerard Nolet, Clerk	1955
Wesley K. Cole	1955

Treasurer

Norbert C. Benoit	1958
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Town Clerk

Clare Boyer

Public Welfare

Ovide Desrosiers, Chairman	1956
Raymond Boucher	1958
Hermas Lippe, Clerk	1957
Lillian Proulx	

Old Age Assistance

Ovide Desrosiers, Chairman

Raymond Boucher

Hermas Lippe

Assessors

Charles Normandin, Chairman	1956
Rosario Arpin, Clerk	1958
Ernest Farland	1956

Board of Health

Dr. Raymond Haling, Chairman	1956
Dr. Armand DeGrenier, Clerk	1957
Henry Demers	1958
Ernest Tetreault, Agent	Marguerite Houle, Nurse

School Committee

Belmore St. Amant	1958
Linia Beck	1956
Lorenzo Beaupre	1957
Eugene Leblanc	1956
Paul A. Roy	1957
Ralph Racicot	1958

World War Memorial Trustees

Armand O. DeGrenier	1955
William Berry	1957
Albert J. Tremblay	1956
Ovila Donais	1958

Stavre Yanka	1957
Hormidas Beaudry	1956

Cemetery Committee

Jesse Blackburn	1958
George Dumas	1956
Lectance Landry	1957

Constables

Bernard Richard	1957
Raoul Meunier	1958
Blaise Trudeau	1956

Tax Collector

Elizabeth Duhamel	1957
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Planning Board

James Fallon	1959
Roland A. Pontbriand	1960
Edward Walsh	1957
William B. O'Shaughnessy	1958
Raymond Lataille	1956

Sewer Commissioners

Edgar McCann	1958
Raymond Bachand	1957
Alfred Gaudreau	1956

Park Commissioners

Hormidas Beaudry	1955
James F. Lapriore	1957
Joseph G. Gendreau	1958

Moderator

Rosario Normandin	1955
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Commissioners of Trust Fund

Vincent T. Walsh	1958
James Fallon	1956
Charles Hart	1957

Tree Warden

Chester J. Maska	1955
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Southbridge Housing Authority

Herminigilde O. J. Cournoyer	1956
Leon Livernois	1959
Lionel Duval	1960
Francois Sansoucy	1958
Louis J. Ciprari, appointed by the State	

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Assistant Clerk to Selectmen

Lionel A. Lafleche 1955

Town Accountant

Leon Caron 1956

Town Counsel

Robert Niedermeyer 1955

Town Engineer

Henry Racicot 1955

Veterans' Benefit Agent

Roland G. Hetu 1955

Veterans' Service Department

Roland G. Hetu 1955

Care of Town Clock

Earl O'Clair 1955

Recreation Committee

Frank Skinyon 1955	Norman Staves 1955
Willard Stark 1955	Lorenzo Beaupre 1956
John E. Merrill 1956	Lewis Kyrios 1955
Louis Brunelle 1956	Henry Racicot 1955
Francis Ashe 1956	Louis VanderNoot 1956
Joseph Duffy 1956	Joseph Gendreau 1956
Armand Bellerive, Jr. 1956	Leo Poirier
Alfred Vecchia	Samuel Soter
Raymond Dartt	Dona Beaulieu
Napoleon Blanchard	James Lapriore

Superintendent of Schools

Robert L. Fox 1955

Keeper of Lock-up

Ovide Desrosiers 1955 Louis Bucci, Ass't. 1955

Custodian of Town Hall

Oliver Proulx 1955

Animal Inspector

Alcide Fournier 1955

Plumbing Inspector

Arthur Ballard 1955

Building Inspector

A. Raymond Dartt 1955

Wire Inspector

Arthur Eno 1955

By-Law Committee

D. W. Morrill Mitchell Kurposka Alfred Ferron
John O. Martin J. Belden Sly Oswald Laliberte

Registrars of Voters

Ferdinand Lemoine 1958 Timothy Moriarty 1956
Richard Pinsonneault 1957 Clare Boyer, Ex-Officio

Fire Department

Oswald Meunier, Chief Daniel Daniels, Dep. Chief

Moth Superintendent

Chester J. Maska 1955

Superintendent of Fire Alams

Norman Larochelle, appointed by Fire Dept. 1955

Fire Wardens, Appointed by Fire Chief

Oswald Meunier 1955 Albert Servant 1955
Joseph Mandeville 1955 Rosario Bellerose 1955
Emile Caouette 1955 Archie Langevin 1955
Romeo Lippe 1955 Daniel Daniels 1955
Harry Michaels 1955

Fence Viewers

Euclid Gatineau 1955 Herman Giroux 1955
Alphonse Renna 1955 August Kowalski 1955

Finance Committee

Phillip Lewis 1958 Clifford Eaton 1958
Bernard Sherry 1956 W. J. Lusignan 1955
Valmore Gauthier 1956 Joseph Swiacki 1955
Joseph Piasta 1956 Rockford Lavoie 1955
Armand Lacasse 1956 Theophile Morin 1955
Norman Brodeur 1956 Leopold Lemmelin 1955
John Rischitelli 1955
Norman Leathers 1955

Honor Roll Committee

Raymond Benoit 1955 Doris Loiselle 1955
Ronaldo Guertin 1955 Armand DeAngelis 1955
Louis Gubb 1955 Hector Brodeur 1955
Bernard Beauregard 1955

Measurer of Wood and Bark

Thomas L. Hughes 1955 John J. Hogan, Jr. 1955
Clifford McKinstry 1955 Royce Fitzpatrick 1955

Field Drivers

Charles Chamberland 1955 Jacob Gouin 1955
Paul Quinn 1955

Soldiers Burial Officers

William J. Congdon 1955 Arthur Eno 1955

Public Weighers

Jacob Edwards 1955 Royce Fitzpatrick 1955
Ralph McKinstry 1955 Doris Ryan 1955
Loretta Fitzpatrick 1955 Argentina Damian 1955
William Cox 1955 Rita Damian 1955
Beatrice Peloquin 1955 Arthur Gendron 1955
Harry Michaels 1955 Constance Matys 1955

Zoning Board of Appeals

Peter Graf 1955 Edgar McCann 1956
Edward Seremet 1955

Dog Officer

Ernest Cadarette 1955

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Gerard R. Lariviere 1955

Care of Veterans Graves

William J. Congdon 1955

Retirement Board

Leon Caron 1956 Theodore Kwarciak 1957
Signe E. Braman 1958

Airport Committee

Edgar Lewis 1959 Emile Arsenault 1957
William LeGate 1956 Albert DiGregorio 1958
Louis Stevens 1960

Library Trustees for the Town

Edward P. Sheehan 1957 Oswald Laliberte 1956
Dr. Nerio Pioppi 1955

Pound Keeper

Frederick H. Dowling 1955

Superintendent of Streets

Joseph Benoit 1955

Committee for Revaluation of Property

Arthur Smith 637 Elm Street
William Horsley 157 Chapin Street
Bernard Sherry 2 Chapin Court

Ernest Fontaine 41 Warren Street
Robert Coderre 452 Hamilton Street

Wage Survey Committee

Appointed by Town Moderator at Town Meeting, March 9, 1953

Edgar Tremblay 73 Moon Street
Paul Quinn 8 Woodland Street
Marie Lariviere 76 Everett Street
Joseph V. Langevin 104 Mechanic Street
Ernest Farland 15 Chestnut Street

Southbridge Radio Officer — Civil Defense

Charles McLam 89 Dennison Lane

Board of Review

Mario DeAngelis, Chairman 12 Lebanon Hill
Ernest Farland 15 Chestnut Street
George W. Laughnane 562 Hamilton Street

JURY LIST

MALE

Name — Residence	Business or Occupation and Address of Employer or Business
Abrahamson, Stanley F., 26 Franklin Ter.	Milk Salesman, Deary Bros., Webster
Allard, Omer P., 380 Charlton St.	Tool & Diemaker, Globe Tool & Die Co., Main St., Southbridge, Mass.
Ashton, Francis W., 172 Dresser St.	Optical Foreman, AOC., Mechanic St., Southbridge, Mass.
Asselin, Gerard J., 9 Rose St.	Unemployed
Bachand, Edward E., 16 Williams St.	Carpenter, Argentieri, Providence, R. I.
Beaudry, John M., 12 Charlton St.	Part time counterman, Spectown Diner, Hamilton St., Southbridge
Beaudry, Joseph A., 468 Hamilton St.	Painter, Eugene Leduc, 1 Ash St., Southbridge
Beaupre, Arthur H., 235 Mechanic St.	Opt. Wkr., AOC., Mechanic St., Southbridge, Mass.
Bednarczyk, John J., 201 Everett St. ...	Tool & Diemaker, AOC., Mechanic St., Southbridge
Belanger, Lionel, 23 Twinehurst Pl.,	Extruder Opr., Monsanto Chem. Co., Plastics Div., Springfield 2, Mass.
Belrose, Harold N., 92 North St.	Grinder-Ind. Cutlery Hyde Mfg. Co., Eastford Rd., Southbridge
Bibeau, Rodolphe J., 53 Worcester St.	Machinist, AOC., Mechanic St., Southbridge
Blair, Alfred F., 85 Worcester St.	General Trucking, 85 Worcester St., Southbridge
Blais, Napoleon J., 402 Worcester St.	Optical Worker, United Lens Co., Worcester St., Southbridge
Blanchette, Leon, 27 Union St.	Carpenter, Sbdge. Lumber & Sup. Co., Central, S'bridge
Bolduc, Albert A., 245 Mechanic St.	Opt. wkr., AOC., Mechanic St., Southbridge, Mass.
Bombardier, Joseph, 30 Cohasse St.,	Maintenance, Publick House, Sturbridge
Cabana, Arthur J., 58 Moon St.	Insp. on rifle parts, Harrington Richardson Arms Co., Park Ave., Worcester

Caron, Philias, 16 Water St. Fireman, Harrington Mem.
 Hosp., South St., Southbridge
 Caron, Anatole J., Jr., 33 Crystal St. Salesman,
 Desrosier Buick Co.,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Chapdelaine, Ernest A., 2 Oliver St. Opt. Wkr., AOCo.,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Clifford, Richard F., 327 Hamilton St. Laborer, State
 Highway Div., Worcester
 Cloutier, Armand G., 400 Main St. Truer, AOCo.,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Costa, James V., 18 Franklin Ter. Polisher-grinder,
 Hyde Mfg. Co.,
 Eastford Rd., Sbdge.
 Costa, George V., 76 Elm St. Watchman, Hyde Mfg. Co.,
 Eastford Rd., Southbridge

 Daigle, Alexander A., 67 Highland St. Foreman,
 Machine Shop, AOCo.,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Darzenkiewicz, Walter J., 16 Wardwell Ct. Tool & Die Mkr.,
 Pratt & Whitney, E. Hartford, Conn.
 DiMarco, Fiore A., 139 Mechanic St. Backtender, Printer's
 Helper, Sbdg. Fin. Co., Sbdge.
 Dufault, Joseph, 155 Mechanic St. Laborer, Mass. Dept.
 Dept. Public Wks., Boston
 Dumas, Francis D., 12 Ames St. Leather Cutter, AOCo.,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Duquette, Albert F., 14 Worcester St. Textile Wkr., Bellefont
 Dyeing Co., Sturbridge
 Durocher, Joseph G., 103 Pine St. Edge Grinder, Hyde Mfg.,
 Eastford Rd., Southbridge, Mass.
 Duval, Lawrence E., 12 Charlton St. Appr. Oper. Eng. on
 Gas & Diesel Shovels,
 Collins Bros., Springfield, Mass.

 Ethier, Louis G., 383 Elm St. Taxi Driver, SkyLine,
 312 Main St., Southbridge

 Farland, Ernest A., 15 Chestnut St. Lens Molder, AOCo.,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Flood, Henry F., 326 Main St. Retired Clerk
 Fontaine, Lucien, 240 Charlton St. Machinist, AOCo.,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Fournier, Joseph H., 55 off West St. Wet Grinder, Hyde
 Mfg. Co., Eastford Rd., Southbridge
 Freeland, Raymond, 348 Main St. Opt. Wkr., United Lens Co.,
 Worcester St., Southbridge

Gasperski, Carrol J., 215 Dresser Hill Rd. Farm work
Gaumond, Armand I., 711 Main St. Trucking,
self-employed
Gaumond, Harvey W., 161 Mechanic St. Taxi Driver,
SkyLine, Main St., Southbridge
Gendreau, Joseph U., 165 Pleasant St. Knife Maker,
Russell Harrington Co.,
River St., Southbridge
Gendron, Albert, 184 Morris St. Feeder, AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge
Gouin, Rheo J., 60 Union St. Truck driver, CPC Engineering
Corp., Route 20, Sturbridge
Graf, Peter, 205 Main St. Foreman, AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge, Mass.
Gravel, Lionel, 432 Charlton St. Opt. Wkr., AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge
Gurka, Edward G., 267 Main St. Pricer, AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge
Hebert, Armand F., 55 Coombs St. Mach. Opr.,
Harrington-Richardson, Worcester
Hetu, Roland G., 788 Worcester St. Veterans Agent,
Town of Southbridge
Houde, Harmel E., 43 Randolph St. Supervisor, AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge
Jolin, Jean B., 811 Worcester St. Lens Grinder, AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge
Kacavich, John P., 624 Main St. .. Aircraft Wkr., Pratt & Whit.
Aircraft, E. Hartford, Conn.
Kingsbury, Walter E., 19 Franklin Ter. Lens Setter, AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge
Lacasse, Armand, 474 Charlton St. Prod. Foreman, AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge
Lacasse, Hormidas J., 2 Lens Ct. Opt. Wkr., AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge
LaFleche, Albert R., 121 Everett St., Opt. Wkr., AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge
Lajeunesse, Leopold J., 66 Central St. Dry Cleaners,
Spectown Cl., 69 Eastford Rd.,
Southbridge
Laliberte, Oliver, 71 River St. Zyl. Polisher, AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge
Lambert, Henry, 175 Morris St. Polisher, AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge
Lamontagne, Israel N., RFD #2, Southbridge Part time
farming - unemployed

Lange, Eugene F., 112 Hamilton St. Ins. Agt., John Hancock Mut. Life Ins. Co., Southbridge
 Landry, Lactance J., 62 Lovely St. Opt. wrk., AOC_o, Mechanic St., Southbridge
 LaPointe, Raymond A., 84 Cross St. Consc. wrk., Crotty Bros., c/o AOC_o, Mechanic, Sbdge.
 LaPorte, Alexis, 119 West St. Textile wrk., Ames Worsted Co., Southbridge
 LaRiviere, Ubald A., 102 Lebanon St. Cutlery wrk., Russell-Harr., River St., Sbdg.
 LeBel, Robert W., 43 Randolph St. Opt. wrk. AOC_o, Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Leblanc, Leon L., 370 Hamilton St., Mach. Equip. Painter, AOC_o, Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Leblanc, Wilfred J., 219 Charlton St. Machinist, Russell-Harr., River St., Sbdge.
 LeBoeuf, Roland A., 27 Chestnut St. Asst. Mgr., F. W. Woolworth, 309 Main St., Southbridge
 LePain, Arthur J., 236 Marcy St. Br. & Pastry Salesman, self-employed
 Libera, Joseph, 9 Ballard Ct. Custodian, High Sch., Marcy St., Southbridge
 Livernois, Alfred E., 101 Worcester St. Carpenter, H. U. Bail, Southbridge
 Lesniewski, Thaddeus A., 111 Woodstock Rd. Toolmaker, AOC_o, Mechanic St., Sbdge.
 Loranger, Edward W., 127 Pleasant St. Steelworker, Amer. Steel Div., Worcester, Mass.

 Martel, Napoleon J., 7 Prospect St. Cook
 Mathieu, Isaac, 129 Charlton St. Janitor, Mathieu's Shoe Store, 22 Elm St., Sbdge.
 Matte, Armand H., 61 Guelphwood Rd. Opt. Wkr., AOC_o, Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Matte, Archille J., 262 Mechanic St. Cutlery Wkr., Hyde Mfg Co., Eastford Rd., Sbdge.
 McCann, George F., 43 Worcester St. Janitor, A. O. Co., Mechanic St., Southbridge, Mass.
 Misiaszek, Thadeus A., 423 Charlton St. ... Clerk, Jul. Florsheim, 280 Main St., Southbridge
 Mogavero, Albert A., 49 Clark St. Con. Wrk., F. J. Shields Inc. 91 Central St., Southbridge
 Moriarty, James B., 150 Pleasant St. Stock Clerk, Ames Worsted, Southbridge
 Mundell, Homer W., 70 Cole Ave. Steamfitter, Tasse Inc., Main St., Southbridge

Nichols, Thomas J., 33 Fiske St. Taxi Driver, Vets Cab Co.,
Main St., Southbridge

Nytko, John T., 147 Pleasant St. Textile Wkr., Ellis Woolen
Mill, Monson, Mass.

Olson, George P., 733 South St. Mach. Opr., AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Paquette, Walter O., 257 Alpine Dr. Opt. Clerk, AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Paquin, William, 35 Worcester St. Lens gauger, AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Patenaude, George J., 12 Pine St. Cutlery wkr., Hyde
Mfg. Co., Eastford Rd., Sbdge.

Paul, Wilbrod J., 395 Elm St. Opt. Wkr., AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Paulhus, Andrew A., 56 Taft St. Inspector, AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge, Mass.

Peloquin, Armand, 86 Worcester St. Plastic moulder, AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Pezzetti, John E., 410 Elm St. Ins. Agt., John Hancock,
255 Main St., Southbridge

Pinsonneault, Wilfred L., 109 Pine St. Cutlery Wkr., Hyde
Mfg. Co., Eastford Rd., Sbdge.

Pinsonneault, Richard G., 33 Orchard St. Press Opr., AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Plasse, Herman, 319 Charlton St. Opt. Wkr., AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Potvin, Henry, 142 Pleasant St. Opt. Wkr., AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Prunier, Leon T., 83 Elm St. Mach. opr., Harrington &
Richardson, Rochdale, Mass.

Richards, David, 39 Worcester St. Retired roofer

Richer, Gerald A., 8 Lens St. Head Shipper, AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Roulier, Emile C., 31 Franklin Ter. Toolmkr., AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Sadowski, Joseph J., 80 Cisco St. Moulder, A. O. Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Sansoucy, Leonard E., 31 Hamilton St. Layout man, AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Santo, Dominic, 28 Lebanon Hill Toolmaker, AOC Co.,
Mechanic St., Southbridge

Serleto, John F., 18 Park St. Met. Comb. Win. Dealer,
Iver J. Erikson Inc., 27 Mountain
St. W., Worcester, Mass.

Servant, Clovis E., 99 Breakneck Rd. Aircraft wkr,
 Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, E. Hartford, Ct.
 Simpson, Andrew H., 85 South St. Electrician, Ames
 Worsted Co., Mill St., Sbdge.
 Stypulkowski, Anthony, 110 Old Strbr. Rd. Car Salesman,
 Hoginski Motor Sale Inc.,
 Worcester St., Southbridge
 Szydlik, Edward S., 28 Meadowbrook Stock Clerk, AOCo.,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge

 Talbot, Ernest, 29 Central St., Taxi Driver, Vets Cab Co.,
 Main St., Southbridge
 Tasciotti, Ralph, 31 Morris St. Blade Honer, Russell-Harr.
 Co., River St., Southbridge
 Tavernier, Omer J., 10 Lens St. Press Opr., AOCo.,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Therrien, Armand, 57 Crystal St. Clerk, Therrien's Mkt.,
 4 Lens St., Southbridge
 Thompson, Robert B., RFD #2, Eastford Rd. Machinist,
 AOCo., Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Trahan, Ovila, 16 Clark St. Cabinet Maker, AOCo.,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Tremblay, Albert J., 240 Marcy St. Frame Mkr., AOCo.,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge
 Tremblay, Leodore L., 274 Charlton St. Supervisor, AOCo.,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge

 Vecchia, Albert D., 60 Sayles St. Carpenter, R. H. White Co.,
 Oxford, Mass.

 Walsh, Vincent T., 23 Edwards St. Sales Counsellor,
 Sears-Roebuck & Co.,
 Central St., Southbridge
 Wild, George, 187 Worcester St., Cabinet Mkr. Dani & Soldani,
 Vinton St., Southbridge, Mass.
 Whiteoak, Arthur, 416 Worcester St. Textile Wkr.,
 Charlton Woolen Co., Charlton

 Yates, Raymond, 40 Marsh Ave. Candy Mach. Serviceman,
 F & W Prod. Corp., 1357 Wash. St.
 W. Newton, Mass.

 Zaszycki, Ignac, 360 Worcester St., Tool & Die Mkr., A. O. Co,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge, Mass.
 Zierold, Walter, 84 Park Ave. Crompton & Knowles,
 Loom Works, Worcester, Mass.
 Zuiss, Edward, 367 Hamilton St. Boiler Fireman, A. O. Co.,
 Mechanic St., Southbridge, Mass.

FEMALE

Name — Residence	Business or Occupation and Address of Employer or Business
Bachand, Mabel F., 43 Randolph St.,	Husband employed by AOC Co., as shipping clerk
Benoit, Roseanna, 11 South St.	Husband employed by AOC Co., as lens polisher
Boisvert, Eleanord, 65 River St.	Husband retired
Bouthillier, Mae, 92 North St.	Widow, Waitress, Mathieu Diner, Central St., Southbridge, Mass.
Carpentier, Jeannette, 246 Mechanic St.	Final insp. on a Conveyor, Russell-Harr. Cutl.
Collette, Rose E., 165 Pleasant St.	Housewife and Husband retired
Costa, Magdalini G., 91 Central St.	Husband employed by AOC Co. as a night watchman
Cournoyer, Yvonne, C., 22 Locust Ave. ..	Husband employed by United Br. Sales as baker
Decker, Florence D., 206 Chapin St.	Part time Board of Health Office, Southbridge
Dubreuil, Julia, 174 Hamilton St.	At home
Gaudette, Lucy T., 601 Woodstock Rd.	Timekeeper at Russell- Harirngton Cutlery Co.
Gaumont, Stephanie, 711 Main St.	Husband self-employed, trucking
Gravel, Loretta, 215 Hamilton St.	Husband employed by Pratt & Whitney as lathe wkr.
Jalbert, Mabel E., 171 Sayles St.	Assembler in Harvey- Wells Electronics, Southbridge
Lacasse, Loretta J., 45 Chapin St.	Unemployed
Lafleche, Lea, 282 Mechanic St.	Husband employed by Hyde Mfg. Co. as knife steel annealer
Lariviere, Beatrice M., 102 Lebanon St. ..	Husband employed by Russell-Harr. Cutl. Co., as a cutlery finisher
LaRiviere, Marie E., 97 Everett St.	Husband employed by Town of Southbridge as Sealer of Weights & Measures
Latham, Rose A., 67 Charlton St.	Speeder tender at Ames Worsted Co., Southbridge

Lavallee, Lillian L., 126 Litchfield Ave. Husband employed
 by School Dept., Westerly, R. I.,
 Teacher
 Lippe, Isidora A., 214 Marcy St. Husband employed by
 AOC Co., as Tool and Diemaker
 Mathieu, Orienda, 129 Charlton St. Husband employed by
 Mathieu's Shoe Store as janitor
 Metras, Blanche, 346 Charlton St. Husband employed by
 AOC Co., as foreman
 Proulx, Liliane G., 70 Everett St. Welfare Agent
 Russell, Mary R., 86 Hamilton St. At home
 Salek, Alice G., 801 Worcester St. Husband employed by
 Worc. Co. Elec. Co., as
 Electric Sub-station Opr.
 Shepard, Rose P., 77 Hamilton St. Husband retired
 Sullivan, Evelyn E., 40 South St. Husband employed by
 R. Craite, as a baker
 Tremblay, Blanche A., 614 Main St. Spinner
 Trudeau, Atwilda, 50 Central St. Husband employed by
 Sky Line Taxi Co.
 as taxi driver
 Varin, Laura A., 110 Mechanic St. Husband employed by
 AOC Co., as foreman

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board organized March 8, 1955. Dr. Armand O. DeGrenier was appointed chairman of the Board; J. Gerard Nolet was appointed Clerk of the Board, and Wesley K. Cole serving as third member of the Board.

The year of 1955 was the third year that the Highway Department has been under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen. The cooperation and services given to the town by the Highway Department has been commendable.

The most important repair that was made to the town hall building was the renovation of the main floor lobby and corridor; both stairways leading up to the second floor and terminating at the entrance of the auditorium.

On August 18 and 19 a disastrous flood condition caused by hurricane Dianne afflicted untold hardship on the citizens and industries of our town. A state of emergency was declared on August 19, at 11 a. m. by the Board. We wish to express our deep appreciation for the services rendered to our town by civic, fraternal and charitable organizations.

Mr. Henry Racicot, the town engineer, was appointed the liaison officer to take care of all emergency problems that were directly concerned with the state and federal government.

Through the cooperation of Rep. Leo Cournoyer and Sen. Paul H. Benoit, the Board of Selectmen, and the Town Engineer, Mr. Henry Racicot, and the Sewer Commissioners, a special bill was passed in the State Legislature authorizing a new sewerage treatment plant to be erected in Southbridge to replace the system damaged by the flood of August 18 and 19.

A more detailed account of the flood damages and proposed improvements to the various channels will be found in the report of the Town Engineer.

Liquor Licenses:

6	Club All-Alcoholic	\$300.00	\$ 1,800.00
3	Club Wine and Malt	100.00	300.00
2	Innholder All-Alcoholic	600.00	1,200.00
12	Restaurant All-Alcoholic	500.00	6,000.00
12	Restaurant Wine and Malt	200.00	2,400.00
4	Package Goods All-Alcoholic	300.00	1,200.00
6	Package Goods Wine and Malt	100.00	600.00
5	Drug All-Alcoholic	50.00	250.00
2	Special Wine and Malt	25.50	51.00
2	Special Wine and Malt	8.50	8.50

5	Seasonal All-Alcoholic	150.00	750.00
13	One-Day Wine and Malt	1.00	13.00
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			\$14,580.00

Miscellaneous Licenses:

2	Innholders	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00
18	Taxi Drivers	1.00	18.00
4	Taxi Owners	1.00	4.00
52	Pinball Machines	20.00	1,040.00
5	Sunday Store	3.00	15.00
5	Signs	1.00	5.00
1	Firearms	3.00	3.00
50	Common Victualers	3.00	150.00
23	Auto Deaelrs	3.00	69.00
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			\$ 1,310.00

Town Hall Rental	\$ 180.00
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Used Equipment Sold:

Junk Truck	\$ 5.00
Desk	15.00
Power Lawn Mower	27.55
Truck Chassis and Hoist	175.50
Chevrolet Suburban	110.00
Police Cruiser	200.00
Sale of Scrap Iron	460.78
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	\$ 993.83

Total Amount \$17,064.83

The expenses of operating our department are given in the report, prepared by the Town Accountant, and for that reason are not enumerated here.

We wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the other town department committees, and all others who have cooperated with us during the past year to promote good government.

Respectfully yours,
 ARMAND O. DeGRENIER, Chairman
 J. GERARD NOLET, Clerk
 WESLEY K. COLE

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

TOWN MEETINGS

Annual Town Meeting	March 7, 1955
Adjourned Town Meeting	March 14, 1955
Special Town Meeting	April 11, 1955
Special Town Meeting	May 31, 1955
Special Town Meeting	August 22, 1955
Special Town Meeting	November 28, 1955

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

	Residence in Town		Residence Out of Town		Residence Out of State		Non-Residence in Town	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Jan.	2	13	0	1	0	0	7	9
Feb.	14	10	2	1	0	0	8	15
March	15	17	1	4	0	1	5	11
April	9	10	0	2	0	0	4	4
May	9	14	2	2	0	0	8	7
June	15	12	1	1	0	0	7	9
July	12	16	3	1	0	1	4	8
Aug.	20	13	1	0	1	0	5	3
Sept.	21	7	2	3	0	0	5	4
Oct.	15	2	1	2	0	1	11	7
Nov.	8	10	0	0	0	0	15	9
Dec.	12	15	1	1			7	8
	152	139	14	18	1	3	86	94

Of this total (507), there were 180 non-resident births and 36 births occurring out of town.

Deaths

Residence in Town		Residence Out of Town		Residence Out of State		Resident Out of Country		Non- Residence In Town	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
94	74	22	15	2	0	1	0	16	10

Of this total (234), there were 26 non-resident deaths.

Marriages

Total marriages for 1955 182

MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES ISSUED

Auctioneers	7 at \$2.00	\$14.00
Bowling	5 (varies)	92.00
Garage	54 at 50c	27.00
Gasoline	42 at 50c	21.00
Hawkers' and Peddlars'	6 at \$2.50	15.00
Junk	3 at \$1.00	3.00
Junk	6 at \$15.00	90.00
Total		<hr/> \$262.00

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

Male	559	
Female	75	
Spayed Female	232	
Kennel	5	
Paid Town Treasurer		\$1,831.00

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED

Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	670	
Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	247	
Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses	241	
Resident Citizens' Minors' Fish. Lics.	89	
Resident Citizens' Women's Fish. Lics.	124	
Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses	4	
Resident Minor Trappers' Lic.	1	
Non-Resident Citizens' 3-Day Fish. Lics.	6	
Non-Resident Minor Fish. Lic.	1	
Non-Resident Citizens' or Alien Fish. Lic.	13	
Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Lics.	5	
Duplicate Licenses	20	
Resident Citizens' Sport. & Trap. Lics.	110	
Resident Citizen Old Age Assistance, and to the Blind Fishing Lic. — Free	13	
Total Licenses Issued	1,544	
Free Licenses Issued	123	
Amount paid to Division of Fisheries & Game		\$4,874.75

In Account With the Town of Southbridge:

Includes Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates Issued;
Also duplicate dog tags. Vital Statistic corrections and

Marriage Intentions	\$ 909.25
Mortgages	1,553.70
Recordings	95.50
Dog Licenses Fees	174.00
Sporting Licenses Fees	350.25
 Total Amount	 \$3,082.70

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN DURING 1955

Edward Loranger, 127 Pleasant Street.
 Jean B. Jolin, 272 Mechanic Street.
 Wilfred Leblanc, 219 Charlton Street.
 Adelard Lavallee, 75 Crystal Street.
 Francis D. Dumas, 14 Ames Street.
 Ovila Trahan, 18 Clarke Street.
 Joseph Sadowski, 80 Cisco Street.
 Mary G. Walsh, 59½ Fiske Street.
 Napoleon Lavallee, 88 School Street.
 Mabel F. Bachand, 43 Randolph Street.
 Lucien Fountain, 86 Chestnut Street.
 Alice G. Salek, 801 Worcester Street.
 Edward E. Bachand, 16 William Street.
 Richard F. Clifford, 327 Hamilton Street.
 Moise Monnette, 122 Hamilton Street.
 Lionel J. Lapointe, 398 Worcester Street.
 Leonard Sansoucy, 31 Hamilton Street.
 Alfred F. Blair, 321 Dennison Drive.
 Lillian L. Lavallee, 126 Litchfield Avenue.
 James V. Costa, 18 Franklin Terrace.
 Thomas F. Cronin, 340 Main Street.
 George E. Plouffe, 135 Marcy Street.
 Arthur Martel, 538 Main Street.
 Nicholas Steven, 33 Oakes Avenue.
 Yvonne C. Cournoyer, 22 Locust Avenue.
 Walter E. Kingsley, 19 Franklin Terrace.
 Joseph A. Beaudry, 468 Hamilton Street.
 Richard C. Pinsonneault, 35 Orchard Street.
 Albert Lafleche, 59 Main Street.
 Harmel Houde, 43 Randolph Street.
 Joseph H. Fournier, 55 Off West Street.
 Anatole J. Caron, 33 Crystal Street.
 George P. Olson, 733 South Street.
 Harvey W. Gaumond, 161 Mechanic Street.

Respectfully submitted,
 CLARE P. BOYER,
 Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

For year ending December 31, 1955

Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 373,145.42	
Receipts for 1955	2,629,963.24	
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1955 Disbursements		\$3,003,108.66
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Balance, Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1955		\$ 190,935.06

FUNDED DEBT

Due 1956	Denominated	Date of Issue	Amt. of Loan	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955
\$ 6,000.00	Eastford Rd. & West St. Schools	1936	\$152,490.00	\$ 6,000.00
4,000.00	Northern Dist. Elem. School	1938	80,000.00	12,000.00
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\$10,000.00				\$18,000.00

TEMPORARY LOANS

\$150,000.00 Anticipation of Taxes	Due May 1, 1956
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POST WAR FUND

2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds — Dated Feb. 1, 1944	\$ 75,000.00
2¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds — Dated June 1, 1945	75,000.00
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	\$150,000.00
Coupon and Savings Bank Int. through 12/31/55	43,219.03
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Total Fund	\$193,219.03

CEMETERY FUND

Depository	Balance Dec. 31, 1955	Int. 1955
Cambridge Savings Bank	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 97.50
Dedham Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	60.00
Gardner Savings Bank	3,000.00	112.50
Lynn Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	60.00
Leominster Savings Bank	2,475.00	83.54
Millbury Savings Bank	2,000.00	57.03
New Bedford 5-Cent Sav. Bk.	3,000.00	90.00

Natick 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,500.00	81.26
Southbridge Savings Bank	11,708.20	322.54
Salem 5-Cent Savings Bank	3,000.00	93.75
Winchendon Savings Bank	3,000.00	105.00
Ware Savings Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Webster 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,000.00	52.38
Worcester 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Worcester Federal Co-op Bank	4,000.00	125.00
Workingmen's Co-op Bank	4,000.00	120.00
Merchant's Co-op Bank	4,000.00	123.00
Mattapan Co-op Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Mt. Washington Co-op. Bank	4,000.00	120.00
Congress Co-op Bank	4,000.00	120.00
Southbridge Co-op. Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Merrimack Co-op. Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Suffolk Co-op. Bank	4,000.00	120.00
Minot Co-op. Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Lincoln Co-op Bank	2,000.00	70.00
Southbridge Credit Union	4,000.00	150.00
Southbridge Credit Union	4,062.10	121.80
Southbridge Credit Union	10,000.00	270.00
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	\$95,745.30	\$ 2,915.30
Cemetery Fund as of January 1, 1955		\$94,735.30
Added to Fund, 1955		1,010.00
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Cemetery Fund December 31, 1955		\$95,745.30

TRUST FUNDS

Depository	Balance Jan. 1, 1955	Int. 1955	Balance Dec. 31, 1955
Mary Mynott Fund			
Southbridge Savings	\$1,000.00	\$ 30.00	\$1,000.00
Boyer Fund			
Southbridge Savings	494.15	14.93	509.08
Jesse J. Angell Fund			
Southbridge Savings	1,644.70	49.70	1,694.40
Ella M. Cole Fund			
Attleboro Savings	1,000.00	29.49	1,000.00

Cambridge Savings	1,000.00	32.50	1,000.00
Charlestown 5-Cent	1,000.00	28.75	1,000.00

Hannah Edwards Fund

First National Bank of Boston, Trustee	5,000.00	140.00	5,000.00
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Mabel Murphy Fund

Southbridge Savings	2,000.00	60.00	2,000.00
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Adah Stedman Fund

Southbridge Credit Union	1,000.00	30.00	1,000.00
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Respectfully submitted,
NORBERT C. BENOIT,
Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1955. All appropriations voted since 1955 Tax Rate was fixed.

Tax Rate for 1955 was set as follows:

General Tax Rate	\$39.68
School Tax Rate	19.32
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Total Tax Rate	\$59.00
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Total appropriations as certified by
Town Clerk to be raised by
Taxation \$1,524,609.25

Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds. In 1955 since 1955 Tax Rate was fixed	140,008.92	\$1,664,618.17
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STATE:

Tax and Assessments	1955 Estimates	1954 Under- estimates
State Parks and Reservations	\$ 3,028.48	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	1,336.17	
State Examination of Re- tirement System	48.74	
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	\$ 4,413.39	\$ 4,413.39

COUNTY:

Tax and Assessments:		
County Tax	\$47,565.00	
Tuberculosis	40,869.79	
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	\$88,434.79	\$ 88,434.79

OVERLAY of Current Year	20,004.47
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GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$1,777,470.82
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ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Estimated Receipts for year 1954 \$ 560,839.20

OVERESTIMATES of previous year
to be used as available funds

County Tax	\$	1,604.09
County Tuberculosis Hospital		6,397.03
Audit of Municipal Accounts		13.49

Amounts voted to be taken from Available Funds:

\$ 15,283.33—6-21-54 E. & D. Call Firemen Salary Account	
1,574.98—8-9-54 E. & D.	
31,681.63—11-22-54 E. & D. ADC Account— School Salary Account	
1,317.02—11-22-54 High School Rep. Account— Marcy St. School Rep. Account	
2,050.00—11-22-54 Parking Meter Account— Library Salary Account	
88,101.96—3-14-55 E. & D.—Overlay—Parking Meter— Sewer Res. Account	

\$140,008.92	\$ 140,008.92
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\$ 148,023.53

Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

\$ 708,862.73

Net Amount to be Raised by

Taxation on Polls and Property

\$1,068,608.09

		Tax
Number of Polls 5400 @ \$2.00 each ..	\$	10,800.00

Total Valuation:

Personal Property	\$ 2,929,885.00	\$ 172,863.21
Real Estate	14,998,990.00	884,940.41

Total Assessed Valuation on Personal and Real Estate

\$17,928,875.00 \$1,068,603.62

Gain on account of
fraction division of
tax rate

4.19

Total Taxes Levied on Polls and Property

\$1,068,608.09

**Items not Entering into the
Determination of the Tax Rate:**

Betterment and Special

Assessments added to taxes

Sewer Assessment \$ 1,226.79

Sidewalk Assessment 233.00

Total of all Other Commitments \$ 1,459.79

**Total Amount of all Taxes on
Polls and Property and Assess-
ments Committed to the Tax
Collector to date of Tax Rate**

\$1,070,067.88

ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS:

Feb. 3, 1955—Sewer Assessment \$ 3,934.35

Warrant to Col., Feb. 3, 1955 \$ 3,934.35

Feb. 3, 1955—Sidewalk Assess. 512.32

512.32

Warrant to Col., Feb. 3, 1955

May 2, 1955—Sewer Assessment 4,541.55

4,541.55

Warrant to Col., May 2, 1955

Aug. 8, 1955—Omitted Assess-

ment, Real Estate

11.80

Warrant to Col., Aug. 8, 1955

11.80

Dec. 9, 1955—Poll Tax

26.00

Warrant to Col., Dec. 9, 1955

26.00

**Total Warrants to Collector on
Polls, Real Estate, Personal,
Sewer, Sidewalk and Omitted
Assessments for 1955**

\$1,079,093.90

Valuation of Motor Vehicles

for 1955 \$2,991,200.00

Tax on Motor Vehicles for 1955 141,809.92

Warrant to Collector for 1955 \$ 141,809.92

Total Assessed Valuation for 1955

including Motor Vehicles \$20,920,075.00

Total Warrants to Collector for 1955 \$1,220,903.82

VALUE OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

Churches, Parsonages, Schools, Hospital

and Cemeteries \$1,638,900.00

Town Property 2,668,975.00

U. S. Post Office	108,000.00
U. S. Government Housing Project	8,150.00
Total Exempted Property	<u>\$4,424,025.00</u>

Total number of Motor Vehicles Assessed 6,179

Total number of Dwelling Houses 2,784

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES NORMANDIN,
ROSARIO C. ARPIN,
ERNEST A. FARLAND,
Board of Assessors.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

I wish to submit the following report as Collector for Southbridge from January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

Taxes: Levy of 1953

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 2,076.16
Payments to Treasurer	<u>2,076.16</u>

Taxes: Levy of 1954

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 40,363.65
Auditor's Adjustment	15.94
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	\$ 40,379.59
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 37,960.15
Abated	306.00
Tax Titles	29.16
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	2,199.28
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	\$ 40,494.59
Refunds	115.00
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	\$ 40,379.59

Taxes: Levy of 1955

Warrant from Assessors	<u>\$1,068,945.89</u>
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Payments to Treasurer	\$1,013,208.20	
Abated	28,860.71	
Tax Titles	277.60	
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	\$1,042,346.51	
Refunds	10,450.42	
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	\$1,031,896.09	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	37,049.80	
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		\$1,068,945.89
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Spec. Sewer Assessments	\$ 2,843.15	
	1,698.40	
	3,309.69	
	624.66	\$ 8,475.50
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Payments to Treasurer	\$ 1,161.03	
Abated	478.22	
Apportioned	1,277.80	
Added to Taxes	813.97	
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	\$ 3,731.02	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	4,744.88	
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		8,475.90
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Special Sidewalk Assessment		\$ 512.32
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Payments to Treasurer	\$ 280.31	
Added to Taxes	232.01	
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		512.32
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Sewers added to Taxes:		
Payments to Treasurer		\$ 774.59
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Sidewalk added to Taxes:		
Payments to Treasurer		232.01
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Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1953		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955		1,717.47
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 398.58	
Abated	1,274.52	
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	\$ 1,673.10	

Refunds	3.53	
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Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	\$ 1,669.57	
	47.90	
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		1,717.47

**Excise Taxes:
Levy of 1954**

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 14,273.49	
February Commitment	87.29	\$ 14,360.78
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Payments to Treasurer	\$ 13,073.78	
Abated	633.11	
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	\$ 13,706.89	
Refunds	243.85	
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Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	\$ 897.74	14,360.78
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**Excise Taxes:
Levy of 1955**

Commitments from Assessors	\$ 140,468.92	\$ 140,468.92
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Payments to Treasurer	\$ 125,521.32	
Abated	8,729.19	
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	\$ 134,250.51	
Refunds	2,598.59	
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	\$ 131,651.92	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	8,817.00	
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		140,468.92
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Ambulance:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 911.00	
Commitments from Fire Dept.	3,125.85	
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		\$ 4,036.85
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 2,458.35	
Abated	452.00	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	1,146.50	
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	\$ 4,056.85	

Refunds	20.00	
		4,036.85

School Department:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 635.23	
Commitments from School Dept. ..	11,818.25	
		\$ 12,453.48
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 9,936.98	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	2,516.50	
		12,453.48

Selectmen:

Commitments per Warrant	\$ 75.00
Payments to Treasurer	75.00

Board of Health:

Commitment	\$ 879.98
Payment to Treasurer	879.98

Highway Department:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955.....		\$ 1,451.40
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 5.00	
Abated	1,089.35	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	357.05	
		1,451.40

Airport:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 2,350.00	
Commitments	300.00	\$ 2,650.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 2,650.00	
		2,650.00

Board of Public Welfare:

Outstand. Gen. Rel., Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 3,143.43
Committed in 1955	3,634.66

Payments direct to Treasurer	3,143.43		\$	6,778.09
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	3,634.66			
				<u>6,778.09</u>

Outstanding Old Age Jan. 1, 1955 ..	\$	389.11		
Committed in 1955		1,613.26		
				<u>2,022.37</u>
Payments to Treasurere	\$	1,778.75		
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955		233.62		
				<u>2,002.37</u>

Interest Costs and Fees: ..

1954 Poll Interest	\$.84
1954 Poll Fees		28.45
1954 Personal Fees		17.40
1954 Personal Interest		75.39
1955 Poll Fees		137.55
1954 Real Estate Fees		65.10
1954 Real Estate Interest		745.13
1955 Real Estate Interest		140.08
1955 Real Estate Fees		30.80
1953 Excise Interest		30.79
1953 Excise Fees		20.70
1955 Personal Interest		12.78
1955 Personal Fees		8.75
1953 Real Estate Interest		116.20
1953 Real Estate Fees		4.90
1953 Personal Interest		6.47
1953 Personal Fees		1.20
1954 Excise Interest		97.86
1954 Excise Fees		176.90
1955 Excise Interest		4.21
1955 Excise Fees		148.80
Committed Interest on Sidewalk ..		.99
Committed Interest on Sewers		78.77
	\$	<u>1,950.06</u>

Grand Total Collected During 1955	\$1,214,420.25
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I wish to thank the townspeople and various town officials for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
 ELIZABETH M. DUHAMEL,
 Town Collector.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The Board of Health met on March 6, 1955 and organized as follows: Dr. Raymond F. Haling, Dr. Armand DeGrenier and Mr. Henry Demers.

During the year 12 regular, 7 special meetings were held.

A detailed account of the Board of Health work during the August flood will be found in the report of the Board of Health Nurse.

The awarding of the garbage contract and the supervision of the garbage collection was transferred to the Selectmen.

At the November meeting Miss Marguerite Houle sent her resignation to the Board to take effect Jan. 1, 1956, at the December meeting Mrs. Rachel Jolicoeur was appointed to the position to replace Miss Houle.

Many thanks to Miss Houle for her faithful and efficient services as Nurse of the Board of Health for 34 years.

We wish to thank all the Citizens who have cooperated and assisted the Department in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND F. HALING, M.D.
ARMAND DeGRENIER, D.M.D.
HENRY DEMERS, Ph.G.

REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Dear Sirs:

As Agent of the Board of Health, I hereby submit the following list of contagious diseases reported to this office in the last year:

Chicken Pox	51	Dog Bite	35
Measles	269	Mumps	64
Scarlet Fever	18	Polio	7
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	3	Whooping Cough	1
Meningitis	1	Diphtheria	1
		Total	450

List of deaths in Town for which this office has issued permits for burial:

Arterioceloretic	21
Chronic Myocarditis	2
Congestive Heart Failure	3
Coronary Occlusion	13
Coronary Thrombosis	53

Mycardial Infarct	3
Cerebral Vascular Thrombosis	4
Cerebral Embolism	5
Cerebral Hemorrhage	22
Cerebral Thrombosis	14
Hypostatic Pneumonia	7
Mycardial Failure	1
Pulmonary Edema	4
Chronic Myocarditis	3
Lobar Pneumonia	2
Bronchial Pneumonia	3
Carcinoma of Ovary	1
Cancer of Lung	1
Carcinoma of Intestine	1
Carcinoma of the Rectum	1
Carcinoma of the Breast	2
Carcinoma of the Liver	2
Carcinoma of the Stomach	2
Cancer of the Prostate	3
Carcinoma of the Esophagus	1
Cardo Vascular Renal Disease	1
Uremia	1
Cancer of Lung	2
Prematurity	7
Stillborn	8
Unknown	2

Respectfully submitted,
 ERNEST TETREAULT,
 Agent.

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REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health:

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit my report as Sanitary Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1955.

I received, during the year, 37 complaints: all were investigated. After the flood 153 apartments, stores and eating places were inspected by me, and some 300 telephone calls were answered.

Permits and Licenses Issued:

Day School	1
Vapor Bath	3
Slaughter House	1
Anti-Freeze	38
Boarding for the Aged	1

Nursing Home	1
Funeral Director	6
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Total	51

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST TETREAULT,
 Sanitary Inspector.

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REPORT OF THE FOOD INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Food Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1955.

This year, as usual, we carried on the customary routine inspections of bakeries, groceries and markets, as well as all eating and drinking establishments. The conditions were mostly good, some establishments needed more attention than others and time was used up more in these places of business to try and bring them up to a better rating. All concerned were very cooperative.

During the flood of August 19, 1955, eating and drinking establishments and stores were inspected and all contaminated foods were disposed of at the recommendations of the State and Federal Food and Drug Officers that were assigned to Southbridge during the emergency.

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR O. BALLARD,
 Food Inspector.

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REPORT OF THE MILK INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Milk Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Number of Samples Collected	236
Tests for Butter Fats	236
No samples were below the legal standard of 3.35%.	
Tests for Solids — Samples Tested	236
1 sample was below the legal standard.	
Tests for Acidity — Samples Tested	178

30 samples were in the process of souring due to improper cooling.	
Phosphatase Test — Samples Tested	163
All were found to be sufficiently pasteurized.	
Microscopic Bacteria Count — Examinations	9
Samples had counts higher than the A P H A standards.	
Mastitis Test (Microscopic examinations of smears from suspected milk or cream cultures)	
Samples examined	90
No samples were positive.	
Number of Store and Vehicle Milk and Cream Licenses Granted	104
Number of Oleomargarine Registrations Granted	52
Number of Pasteurization of Milk	
Licenses Granted	3
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Total Licenses and Registrations	159

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR O. BALLARD,
Inspector of Milk.

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REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Honorable Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Plumbing Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1955.

During the year, the following fixtures and appliances were installed:

Water Closets	145
Lavatories	123
Bath Tubs	85
Kitchen Sinks	125
Laundry Trays	7
Sink and Tray Combinations	4
Shower Stalls	13
Urinals	29
Waste Food Grinders	6
Clothes Washing Machines	46
Tankless Water Heaters	64
Gas, Oil, Electric Water Heaters	164
Range Boilers	42
Slop Sinks	5
Film Developing Units	1

Air Conditioning Units	3
Indirect Refrigerator Drains	4
Soda Fountains	7
Beauty Parlor Units	2
Trailer Homes	49
New Water Piping Jobs	11
Dishwashing Machines	4

Total Number of Fixtures and Appliances	939
Number of Septic Tanks Installed	11
Number of Sewer Connections	53
Number of Permits Granted	432
Number of Inspections	1081
Number of Water Tests	84
Number of Unfinished Jobs	23

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR O. BALLARD,
Inspector of Plumbing.

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REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Southbridge Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

The result of the annual inspection of the elementary grades are distributed as follows:

St. Mary's School

Physical Examinations — Defects Listed

Grade II — 45 Pupils

Teeth	7
Enlarged Tonsils	4
Cerumen	1
Eye Correction with Glasses	2

Grade IV — 21 Pupils

Teeth	5
Cerumen	1

Grade VI — 27 Pupils

Teeth	7
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Grade VIII — 18 Pupils

Teeth	2
Skin Condition	2
Enlarged Tonsils	1
Eczema	1

Notre Dame School

Physical Examinations — Defects Listed

Grade II — 76 Pupils

Teeth	1
Acne	1
Cerumen	9
Enlarged Tonsils	10
Cervical Glands	1
Eye Corrections with Glasses	3
Foreign Body in Right Ear (removed)	1

Grade IV — 82 Pupils

Teeth	16
Cerumen	3
Enlarged Tonsils	9
Heart	1
Eye Corrections with Glasses	6
Left Eye Blepharitis	1

Grade VI — 75 Pupils

Teeth	26
Cerumen	3
Enlarged Tonsils	1
Eye Corrections with Glasses	5
Squint	1
Skin Condition	1

Grade VIII — 65 Pupils

Teeth	18
Cerumen	3
Skin Condition	14
Eye Corrections with Glasses	8

Ste. Jeanne d'Arc School

Physical Examinations — Defects Listed

Grade I — 32 Pupils

Teeth	3
Eczema	1
Otitis Media	1
Eye Corrections with Glasses	2

Grade II — 32 Pupils

Teeth	5
Acne	1
Eye Corrections with Glasses	2

Grade III — 34 Pupils

Teeth	4
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Cerumen	2
Enlarged Tonsils	6
Ear Condition	1

Grade IV — 30 Pupils

Teeth	3
Cervical Glands	1
Enlarged Tonsils	8
Allergy	1
Eye Corrections with Glasses	3

Grade V — 26 Pupils

Teeth	3
Eye Corrections with Glasses	1

Grade VI — 31 Pupils

Teeth	1
Cerumen	2
Rheumatic Heart	1
Eye Corrections with Glasses	3
Tonsils Removed	1

Grade VII — 25 Pupils

Teeth	3
Acne	3
Eye Corrections with Glasses	4
Tonsils Removed	1

Grade VIII — 24 Pupils

Teeth	2
Acne	4
Cerumen	1
Tonsils Removed	2

Respectfully submitted,
RAYMOND F. HALING, M.D.

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REPORT OF THE PODIATRIST

To the Board of Health Physician:

Dear Sir:

Herewith I submit my report on the examination of the feet of the Parochial School children.

Examination was made of the eighth, sixth, fourth and second grades in all schools; and of those children with foot disorders found in previous examinations who are now in the odd grades. Total examined: 512 and 109.

Following is a tabulation of defects found in this year's examinations:

Posture	10
Skin Disorders	47
Orthopedic Conditions	119
Nail Disorders	25
Hygiene	19

An earnest attempt was made to impress these children with the importance of preventive foot care so that they might avoid the many ills resulting from improper care and poor hygiene.

I gratefully acknowledge the assistance and cooperation of the school authorities and of Miss Houle, our Board of Health Nurse.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT W. DeJORDY, D.S.C.

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REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH NURSE

To the Board of Health:

Dear Sirs:

I herewith submit my report as Board of Health Nurse for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Clinics

1. TUBERCULOSIS

Clinics for chest X-ray and examination have been available to all persons in this area, at the Worcester County Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Boylston, on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 10:30 A. M. This service is sponsored by the State Department of Public Health, to assist doctors to confirm their diagnosis and stimulate patients to follow-up the doctor's recommendations.

Fifty-four patients reported, twenty-two were x-sanatoria patients following the doctor's recommendations, twenty-three were contacts to positive cases of tuberculosis, and nine patients were X-rayed for diagnosis.

2. IMMUNIZATION

Six clinics were scheduled to inoculate school and pre-school children for the prevention of whooping-cough, diphtheria, and tetanus. Four in the Town Hall on the following dates—January 18th, February 15th, March 15th, and April 12th, and one in each school, Notre Dame April 14th, and Mary E. Wells High, May 12th.

Three hundred and forty-six had a booster shot, and one hundred and twenty-two had the initial series of three injections, a month apart.

3. DENTAL

Although the condition of the children's teeth has improved over a period of years, our school health records still show carious teeth at the top of the list of defects.

We carried our dental program during eight months of the year for the benefit of the elementary school children in the first four grades, plus special cases in any other grade.

In a very limited way we endeavored to follow ideal objectives, such as to assist in the prevention of dental diseases, routine and class-room instruction on dental hygiene. The charting of dental defects in the class-rooms, by a staff dentist made more time available in the clinics for treatment. With this information the children in need of immediate attention were selected to report first. Four hundred and eighty-four pupils reported to the clinics, four hundred and fifty-four had their teeth cleaned, plus two hundred and sixty-two fillings, and three hundred and twenty-seven had an oral examination.

4. POLIOMYELITIS

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis provided Salk Polio vaccine free of charge for all children in the first and second grades in the public and parochial schools. Seven hundred and ninety-two were eligible, seven hundred and fifty signed request slips. Due to unfavorable newspaper publicity, two hundred and thirty original request slips were cancelled.

Our first clinic took place in the Town Hall, May 25th. Four hundred and forty-two children were transported by bus with their teachers. Each child with a written request slip from their parents were inoculated. A make-up clinic scheduled nine days later, took care of seventy-eight pupils who missed the first clinic. Total number inoculated — five hundred and twenty pupils.

5. PRE-SCHOOL

The annual registration clinics for pre-school children, was scheduled during the month of March on the following dates—21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 28th, from 1 to 4:30 P. M. in the Mary E. Wells High School. Two hundred and eighty-six pupils reported, plus several more who registered during the summer vacation. The registration consist of recording the family data on the school health card, also the child's immunizations, special tests, specific illnesses and if he is well adjusted for his age. Each child must have a complete physical examination by

his family physician or one of the school physicians, before he enters school in the Fall.

6. TYPHOID

As a precautionary measure, due to the flood disaster, the Board of Health sponsored seven clinics for the prevention of typhoid fever. It was recommended to immunize all persons who were in the contaminated area or exposed to articles in contact with flood waters. However, groups of all ages reported to the Town Hall for inoculations. Approximately 6,000 people each received three injections.

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for services rendered by all volunteer workers, professional and otherwise. Six physicians, one dentist, fifteen nurses and many other young women and men who assisted us during this great emergency.

The parochial school physician examined the pupils in the 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th grades at Notre Dame and St. Mary's Schools. Defects in this routine check-up were noted and recorded on the child's physical record card. Since the health records at Ste. Jeanne d'Arc School were destroyed in the flood, it was necessary to examine all pupils in the elementary grades. A total of six hundred and forty-eight were examined in all parochial schools.

Considerable time and effort has been spent to restore these records as complete as possible. Each parent received a form to fill out for his child's medical history from birth.

Last June a vision test was conducted in St. Mary's School, one hundred and thirty-three were tested.

The following nursery schools were inspected twice during the school year, in March and November. They were in good condition and complied with all the requirements.

The Hyland Nursery and Kindergarten School located on Cole Avenue Extension had an enrollment of eighteen pupils. The Southbridge Nursery and Kindergarten located in the Methodist Church on Main Street, with an enrollment of forty pupils, both schools supervised by two teachers.

Funds donated by the Lions' Club provided a mid-morning milk lunch for sixty-two pupils in the parochial schools. Pupils, parents and teachers extend their sincere thanks and appreciation.

Home visits on nineteen cases of scarlet fever, and seven cases of polio were made and instructions given to prevent the spread of disease.

All poliomyelitis cases, except one, were hospitalized during the acute stage. Three have been transferred to the Canton Hospital School for rehabilitation.

New and unforeseen health measures and emergency work, added to our regular program, summarize our duties during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R.N.,
Board of Health Nurse.

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REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Health:
This is my report of slaughtering for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Hogs	Cattle	Sheep	Calves
16	4	6	3

Respectfully submitted,
ALCIDE FOURNIER,
Slaughtering Inspector.

**REPORT OF
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

I submit my report to your Honorable Board for the year ending December 31, 1955, of the Police Department.
On behalf of the Police Department, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the splendid cooperation received from your Honorable Board, all other Town Departments, the members of the Auxiliary Police who have given so much of their time to the public service of this Community, the parents and members of the School Safety Patrol, the School Superintendent and the faculty of all schools for their part in supervising the School Patrol members and the citizens of our community in the year 1955.

Assault	4
Assault to Rape	1
Breaking and Entering and Larceny	1
Larceny and Attempted Larceny (1 Juvenile)	16
Malicious Mischief (1 Female Juvenile)	6
Receiving Stolen Goods	1
Using Motor Vehicle Without Authority (1 Female; 1 Juvenile)	6

Adultery	(2 Females)	5
Delinquency	(Female)	1
Deserter from Armed Forces		1
Disturbance of the Peace		3
Driving a Motor Vehicle to Endanger Life		11
Driving a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated		17
Drunkenness	(19 Females; 2 Juveniles)	176
Illegitimacy		2
Lewd Cohabitation	(1 Female)	2
Violation of Liquor Laws		1
Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws	(12 Females)	117
Neglect, Desertion, Non-Support		5
Stubbornness	(1 Female)	2
Violation of Traffic Rules		73
Vagrants	(1 Juvenile)	6

Total Crimes Against the Person	5
Total Crimes Against Property	30
Total Crimes Against Public Order, etc.	422

Total Persons Detained	457
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Personal Injury Accidents Reported to Police		
	(15 Pedestrians)	44
Property Damage Accidents Reported to Police		
	(2 Coasting)	48
Doors and Windows Found Unlocked, Open		454
Night Lodging Given Travelers		60
Radio Calls Sent Out		598
Entertainment Permits Issued		257
Permits Issued to Carry Firearms		203
Permits Issued to Purchase Firearms		20
Persons Committed to State Hospital		7
Permits Issued to Work Lord's Day, Holidays		70
Sound Truck Permits Issued		14
Bicycles Registered		1136
Summonses Served for Out of Town Police, Courts		313
Residences Checked by Police Cruisers, Business		
Establishments		15,140
Arrests for Out of Town Police, Courts ..		8
Bicycles Reported Stolen	(Recovered 11)	12
Persons Reported Missing and located	(Males)	8
	(Females)	6

Respectfully submitted,
 OVIDE A. DESROSIERS,
 Chief of Police.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the Tree Warden Department for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The past year I removed 17 dead trees on town owned property that were endangering the public. Five stumps, and repainted 16 cavities, pruned dead limbs on trees on various streets, also bracing and cabling.

Tree Warden Dept. 1955 Appropriation	\$2,200.00
Salaries and Wages:	
Tree Warden	\$ 384.51
Labor	1,378.95
Other Expenses:	
Truck Hire	257.25
Power Saw Hire	99.75
Tools and Material (rope, axes, tree healing paint, paint brushes, etc.)	79.45
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Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER J. MASKA,
Tree Warden.

DUTCH ELM DISEASE DEPT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the Dutch Elm Disease Department for the year ending December 31, 1955.

I sprayed the town owned elm trees twice with a Hydraulic Sprayer using DDT Emulsion, to control Elm Leaf and Bark Beetle, with excellent results.

I also removed and burned 18 dead and diseased elm trees on town owned property.

With State help we removed 19 Dutch Elm Diseased trees. Dutch Elm Disease Department:

1955 Receipts and Appropriation	\$3,450.00
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Salaries and Wages:

Moth Superintendent	\$ 202.89
Labor	507.89

Other Expenses:

Chain and Power Saw Hire	97.75
Truck Hire	164.50
Insecticide (25% DDT)	544.60
Mist Blower Spraying	168.00
Hydraulic Spraying	1,728.00
Pruning Poles and Saws	34.00
Telephone and Postage on Elm Samples	2.37

\$3,450.00

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER J. MASKA,
Moth Superintendent.

GYPSY MOTH DEPT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the Gypsy Moth Department for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The past year I sprayed with DDT and arsenate of lead, as many of our town owned trees as possible, because of the limited amount of funds, for gypsy and brown tail moths, canker worm, tent caterpillars, hag moth, and ticks.

Infestation in sprayed areas have been kept down to my satisfaction unsprayed areas infestation is spreading.

Moth Extermination 1955 Appropriation \$ 400.00

Salaries and Wages:

Moth Superintendent	5.10
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Other Expenses:

Insecticides	77.80
Paint Brushes	2.10
Hydraulic Spraying	315.00

\$ 400.00

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER J. MASKA,
Moth Superintendent.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with the law and custom, I submit the following report of the year ending December 31, 1955, giving names of members of the Fire Department, values of properties under my supervision, number of fires we responded to, values of properties where loss occurred, dates and location of fires.

We responded to 21 Bell Alarms, 284 Still Alarms for a total of 305 alarms for the year.

330 Hydrants at \$65.00 each per year	Total \$	21,450.00
Value of Buildings	\$	369,400.00
Loss on Buildings		54,114.57
Insurance on Buildings		1,110,450.00
Insurance paid on Buildings		53,514.57
Value of Contents		1,015,750.00
Loss on contents		63,803.01
Insurance on contents		952,650.00
Insurance paid on contents		62,353.01

Inventory of the Fire Department

Fire Station	\$	75,000.00
Fire Apparatus		40,000.00
Fire Department Supplies		9,000.00
Gamewell Fire Alarm System		30,000.00

ROSTER OF THE SOUTHBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief

Oswald Meunier

Deputy Chief

Daniel Daniels

Permanent Firemen

Capt. Emile Caouette
Ovila Donais
Harry Gendron
Ernest Collette
Henry Desourdy
Alva Gregoire
Arthur Marand
Edward Boucher
Biagio Puccilli
Rodolphe Arpin

Capt. Archie Langevin
Adrien Pouliot
Victor Caouette
Edward McNally
Romeo Mathieu
Napoleon White
Jean St. Amant
Alfred Langevin
Roland LaRochelle
William Berry

Call Men Hose Co. No. 1

Capt. Hermas Lippe	Lieut. Leopold Langlois
Armand Dumas	Paul Lucier
Henry Santelli	Clarence Blais
Walter Earnest	Thomas Mannis
Joseph Brouillard	Wilfred Forcier

Call Men Hose Co. No. 2

Capt. Eugene Gaumond	Lieut. Alexander Daigle
Ferdinand Szczypien	Elzear Plouffe
Roy Proulx	Archie Matte
Aime Ravenelle	Roger Favreau
Armand Gibeault	Melvin Williams

Call Men Aerial No. 1

Capt. Eugene Blais	Lieut. Arthur Caplette
Raoul Plouffe	Louis Ciprari
Armand Durocher	Francis Healy
Angelo Monaco	Anthony DiPeitro
Raymond Dartt	Lionel Bachand
Raymond Houle	

Supt. of Fire Alarm

Normand LaRochelle

Permits

Transporting Gasoline	3
High Explosives	81
Range Oil Burners	24
Power Burners	129
Open Air Permits	429
Removal of Gasoline Tanks	6
Decorations	11
Bottled Gas Permits	8
Burning Paint off Buildings	2

Inspections

Stores	381
Hotels and Boarding Houses	76
Tenement Houses	2091
Range Oil Burners	24
Power Oil Burners	129
Clubs and Cafe's	138
Locked Out	76
Complaints	196

In closing my report for last year, I wish to thank the citizens for their co-operation, and members of the Department for their loyalty to their work.

In conclusion, the Chief, Oswald Meunier, on behalf of the members of the Fire Department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the other Town Officials for their courtesy and consideration of the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

OSWALD MEUNIER,
Chief of the Fire Department.

For the Fire Department,
EDWARD BOUCHER, Clerk.

- Jan. 12**—Still alarm at 3:55 A. M. Tenement at 4 Lens St., owned by Jos. Therrien Estate. Caused by smoking in bed. Insured.
- Jan. 23**—Still Alarm at 11:20 A. M. Work shop at 171 Lebanon Hill, owned by Maurie LaReau. Caused by overheated stove pipe. Insured.
- Jan. 28**—Still Alarm at 2:20 P. M. Printing Shop at 219 Worcester St. Owned by Dominic Paquette. Caused by sparks from incinerator. Insured.
- Jan. 30**—Box 61 at 4:56 P. M. Storehouse at Mill St. Owned by Ames Worsted Co. Caused by overheated electric motor. Insured.
- Feb. 27**—Box 423 at 12:20 A. M. Barn at Fort Sumpter Road. Owned by Joseph Ziemba. Cause unknown. Insured.
- April 2**—Box 34 at 4:55 P. M. Garage on Main St. Former Wells Property. Owned by Town of Southbridge. Caused by children playing with matches. Not insured.
- April 8**—Box 52 at 10:39 A. M. Tenement at 75 Morris St. Owned by Southbridge Co-Operative Bank. Caused by children playing with matches. Insured.
- April 17**—Still Alarm at 4:00 A. M. Tenement at 173 Everett St. Owned by Mrs. Adele Gauthier. Caused by smoking in bed. Insured.
- June 21**—Still Alarm at 8:10 A. M. Factory at 270 Worcester St. Owned by Ernest E. Horney. Caused by overheated bricks. Insured.
- Aug. 5**—Box 34 at 10:13 P. M. Shoe Shine Parlor at 300 Main St. Owned by O'Neil Asselin. Caused by spontaneous combustion. Insured.
- Aug. 16**—Box 47 at 5:59 A. M. Garage at 129 Worcester St. Owned by Archie E. Keyes. Caused by overheated motor of air compressor igniting oily rags. Insured.
- Sept. 6**—Still Alarm at 5:00 P. M. Tenement at 49 Off West St. St. Owned by Gedion Chapdelaine. Caused by children with matches. Insured.

- Sept. 14**—Box 47 at 9:23 A. M. Chicken coop at 191 Worcester St. Owned by Gedion Chapdelain. Caused by children playing with matches. Not insured.
- Nov. 19**—Still Alarm at 2:45 A. M. Tenement at 153 Cliff St. Owned by Omer Talbot. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- Nov. 28**—Box 135 at 12:01 A. M. Tenement at 29 Lovely St. Owned by Walter J. Saletnik. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- Dec. 3**—Still Alarm at 9:00 P. M. Tenement at 121 North St. Owned by Romeo Bonnette. Caused by Plumber's blow torch. Insured.
- Dec. 6**—Still Alarm at 4:55 P. M. Shack at Hudson Ave. Owned by Ethel Graves. Caused by defective chimney. Insured.
- Dec. 12**—Box 43 at 5:11 P. M. Factory at Saundersdale Road. Owned by Southbridge Finishing Co. Cause undetermined. Insured.
- Dec. 26**—Still Alarm at 1:20 P. M. Tenement at 23 Walcott St. Owned by George Favre. Caused by cigarette. Insured.

AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

In rendering my report for the past year, I wish to state that there was an appropriation of \$1,721.00 for this Department.

During the past year the ambulances made the following trips:

Southbridge	440
Worcester	67
Sturbridge	50
Charlton	36
Fiskdale	28
Boston	16
Brimfield	16
Holland	11
Jamaica Plains	6
Grafton	5
East Woodstock, Conn.	5
Wales	5
Brookfield	5
Springfield	3
Wrentham, Mass.	3
Barre	3
Spencer	3
South Grafton	2

Webster	2
Dudley	2
West Roxbury	2
Oxford	2
Ware	2
Putnam, Conn.	1
Tewksbury	1
Rocky Hill, Conn.	1
Providence, R. I.	1
Framingham	1
Waverly, Mass.	1
Fisherville, Mass.	1
Holyoke	1
Hartford, Conn.	1
Concord, Mass.	1
New Haven, Conn.	1
Palmer	1
Total	<hr/> 726

Inventory of the Ambulance Department

1	Cadillac Ambulance	\$2,000.00
1	Packard Ambulance	3,000.00
2	Spare Tires	35.00
2	Folding Stretchers	60.00
1	Orthopatic Stretcher	60.00
2	First Aid Kits	10.00
2	Flame Proof Blankets	90.00
3	Pillows	7.50
19	Pillow Cases	8.50
15	Sheets	15.00
24	Blankets	96.00

FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Forest Fire Department answered 71 alarms for forest fires in 1955.

Forest Fire Warden's Salary \$200.00

There were 429 permits for fires in the open.

I wish at this time to thank the people for their good will and again ask their co-operation with this department to prevent fires in this vicinity.

Inventory of the Forest Fire Department

3	Forest Fire Pumps	\$2,000.00
5100	Ft. of 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " hose	2,400.00
4100	Ft. of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " hose	4,510.00

4	1½" Shut-Off Nozzles	125.00
6	1" Shut-Off Nozzles	120.00
7	1⅝" Shut-Off Nozzles	245.00
8	Open End Nozzles	54.00
1	½-Ton Ford Truck	500.00
22	Soda and Acid Fire Extinguishers	155.00
13	Indian Pumps	163.00
4	2½ Gal. Hand Pumps	60.00
6	Ten Qt. Pails	15.00
16	Brooms	16.00
5	Shovels	5.00
12	Reducers	60.00

OSWALD MEUNIER,
Forest Fire Dept. Warden.

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

Daniel Daniels
Albert Servant
Romeo Lippe
Harry Michaels

Emile Caouette
Joseph Mandeville
Archie Langevin
Rosario Bellerose

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit the report of the Department of Weights and Measures for the year 1955.

The amount of fees collected through this department was \$389.70.

Scales	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed
Over 10,000 lbs.	2	5	
5,000 to 10,000 lbs.			
100 to 5,000 lbs.		78	
Under 100 lbs.		183	
Weights		359	
Yard Sticks		13	
Liquid Measurers		0	
Gas Meters		69	
Vehicle Meters	4	29	
Vehicle Tank Comp.		1	
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Total	6	737	

RETESTS MADE

Summary of Inspections

Fibre Cartons	6
Peddler's License	8
Markings Bread	305
Clinic Thermometers	10
Peddler's Scales	5

WEIGHING AND INSPECTIONS

	Tested	Correct	Under	Over
Bread	305	271	14	20
Butter	175	175		
Confectionary	280	280		
Dry Commodities	118	118		
Dry Goods	10	10		
Flour	170	170		
Fruits and Vegetables	250	220	5	25
Lard	60	60		
Meat and Provisions	325	270	40	15
Potatoes	275	230	5	40

Respectfully submitted,

G. R. LARIVIERE,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

Following is our annual report to you on recreation in the Town of Southbridge. We experienced some flood damage on all areas where recreation activities are conducted, but none so extensively that adequate repairs cannot be made with funds from our ordinary annual budget. This report is divided into four separate reports submitted by the Chairmen of each recreational area for the sake of clarity.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK P. SKINYON,
General Chairman.
ARMAND BELLERIVE,
Co-Chairman.

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REPORT OF DRESSER ST. FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

To the Chairman of the Recreation Committee:

The following organized activities took place on Dresser Street Field during the year 1955:

Baseball—

This was the largest participating sport of the season with eleven leagues using the three diamonds. Following are the leagues and the number of children and adults participating.

A—Minor League—60 boys—Ages 7 to 10.

B—Little League—60 boys—Ages 8 to 12.

C—Babe Ruth League—60 boys—Ages 13 to 15.

D—American Legion League—18 boys—16 to 18.

E—Mary E. Wells High School Girls Softball League—20 Girls.

F—Mary E. Wells High School Baseball—18 boys.

G—Cole Trade School Baseball—18 boys.

H—Notre Dame Baseball—18 boys.

I—Elementary Schools—60 boys.

J—Parochial School League—60 boys.

K—Industrial League Softball Finals—30 men.

Conn.—6 teams 15 to 18—3 games a week. May to October.

Inds. 6 teams 15 to 18—50. 3 games per week.

Track—

Cole Trade School was the only local school that had a track team. Tantasqua Regional School was then allowed to practice on the track because of their lack of a field.

Football—

Wells High used the football area for practice for eight weeks of the football season in the fall. They played four home games, concluding with the game against Bartlett of Webster on Thanksgiving Day.

Basketball—

An afternoon league consisting of four teams with a total of 60 boys ranging from 10 to 14 years of age was organized.

In the evening under lights, five boys' teams and three girls' teams played throughout the summer months.

Band Concerts—

A total of three band concerts was held at the field during the summer with many adults enjoying the music under the lights in the evening.

Tennis—

Two courts were open at all times with the children allowed to enjoy them during the day and the adults using the courts during the evening hours under the lights.

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activities up to the time of the flood. The flood ended practically all recreation activity for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

LORENZO BEAUPRE,
Chairman, Alumni Field Committee.

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REPORT OF THE HENRY STREET FIELD SUB-COMMITTEE

Softball—

The Community League fielded 6 teams, making use of the softball diamond on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from May 15th to August 19th, when the season ended abruptly by the 1955 disastrous flood. The league was scheduled to play until October.

The Industrial League availed itself of the softball diamond on Mondays and Wednesdays, from the dates mentioned above.

The two leagues represented 15 players on each team or approximately 150 men participated in softball every week.

The attendance to the games varied from 50 to 200 fans per night. An additional section was erected to the backstop. Bleachers were erected to seat approximately 75 persons.

Swings—

With 12 swings in the area, children of all ages, even adults, availed themselves of this recreation from early morning to darkness.

Volley Ball—

One court saw 10 to 20 young people, boys and girls, nightly, mostly teenagers, bounce that Volley Ball from 6:00 o'clock to darkness.

Basketball—

Two baskets, although the court is not ready for games yet, were used extensively for practice shots by boys and girls.

Sandbox—

For the very young and mothers, this 10'x6' sandbox found the 2 to 10-year-olds enjoying themselves nightly.

Ping-Pong—

Four tables were in constant use every night.

Zelball—

One set, 15 to 20 played this game daily.

Quoits—

One court—Teenagers participated nightly.

Horseshoes—

Two courts—a 15-footer and 30-footer for different age groups were in constant use.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS BRUNELLE,
Chairman, Henry St. Field Com.

REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report of the work accomplished by the Engineering Department for the year 1955.

New Construction — Planned, Laid Out, Inspection

1. Retaining wall on Hamilton St.—Highway Dept.
2. Retaining wall on Chestnut St.—Highway Dept.
3. Forest Ave. grading and drain—Highway Dept.
4. Central, Hook & Foster Sts.—Leo Construction Co.
5. High St.—Ciesla Bros., Inc.
6. Cole Trade High School Addition—F. X. Laliberte.
7. Judith Avenue Sewer—C. F. Chase.
8. Mary Ellen Lane Sewer—C. F. Chase.
9. Roosevelt Drive Sewer—C. F. Chase.
10. Park St. Sewer—C. F. Chase.
11. Eastford Rd. Sewer—C. F. Chase.
12. Park Ave. Sewer—Ciesla Bros., Inc.
13. Adeline St. Sewer—Ciesla Bros., Inc.
14. Forest Ave. Sewer—Ciesla Bros., Inc.

New Streets Laid Out

Ashland Avenue	Sunny Hill Drive
Park Avenue Extension	Forest Avenue
Snow Street Extension	Mary Ellen Lane
Ames Street	Judith Avenue
Grandview Drive	Dennison Hill Road
Upland Avenue	Gerard Street
Lee Street	Lemoine Hill Road
	Margaret Street

Surveys

Durfee Street Drain	Henry Street Field Drain
Drain on Old South Road	Woodycrest Avenue Drain

Drain on Newell Avenue
 Oliver Street
 Robert Street
 Hyde Co. Sewer
 Brook Road Walk
 Hartwell Street Extension
 Snow Street
 Pleasant Street Drain at
 McKinstry's

Vinton Street and Bridge
 Brookside Road and Bridge
 Hook, Central and Foster Sts.
 Dennison Hill Road
 Park Avenue Extension
 Town Dump Lines
 Fiske Street Sewer

Investigations and Miscellaneous

Boring tests for bridges
 Plimpton Street and Bridge
 Industrial Site
 112 House Numbers
 36 Street Lines
 Check Ice for Skating
 Finish Plans for Cemetery
 Visit all old Town Roads with Fire Marshal
 Contracts for Garbage Collection
 Investigation of 12 Blocked Sewer Lines
 Specifications for Sand and Gravel
 Locate Drain Lines on School and Collier Streets
 Contracts for Floor Covering at Town Hall
 Cady Brook Dredging
 Clearing Swimming Pool Bank
 Inspect Morris Street New Gas Line and Resurfacing
 New Town Street Lists
 Locating 20 Sewer Manholes
 Flood

Street Bounds Set

Forest Ave.	2	Forest Ave.	3
Highland St.	2	Mary Ellen Lane	4
Proulx Ave.	1	Judith Ave.	3
Roosevelt Drive	3	Dennison Hill Rd.	2
Woodycrest Ave.	1	Gerard St.	1
Cor. Highland & South	1	Lemoine Hill Rd.	1
		Margaret St.	2

The storm Diane on August 19, 1955, poured a deluge of torrential rain up the country side. Streams were raised out of their banks and the Flat Section of the Town and portion of the Globe had to be evacuated, homes were destroyed, business establishments flooded and their goods swept away or destroyed.

The homeless were fed, clothed, housed and furnished medical treatment and supplies. Industries and business establishments were put back in operation. Credit must be given to the Red Cross, to the Federal Agencies and to State and Local

Agencies for their contributions and, above all, for the stricken people who, notwithstanding their losses, faced these most distressing conditions with courage and determined efforts to help themselves.

From the outset of this catastrophe I was named Engineering Officer for Civil Defense, and as such, had charge of all construction and rehabilitation work to be done. I was also named Liaison Officer between the State, Federal and Town Agencies and this required my having access to all records for expenditures for requesting reimbursement for the Town.

The Engineering Department has been doing very little work other than flood work since August 18. It has been our work the provide all agencies with any and all information needed for the reconstruction of roads, bridges, culverts, drains, sewers, and so forth. The total estimated damage in the Town of Southbridge will rise to the figure of \$3,000,000, the largest portion of which will be paid for by the Federal and State Agencies.

We have requested flood protection from all agencies available. The following is the list of work which we feel must be done in order to provide the needed flood protection in this Town.

1. Dredge and/or widen river
 - a) where cross sectional area is insufficient to carry flood quantities.
 - b) where silt, sand, stone, etc., have accumulated and causes change in course of river.
2. Rebuild dams at Cedar Pond, Little Alum, Hamilton Reservoir, Mashpaug and Holland Ponds to provide sufficient needed spillway areas for flood conditions.
3. Build flood dykes and/or walls along industrial properties where value of land exceeds costs of walls.
4. Replace all remaining bridges that do not provide needed areas for flood conditions.
5. Do similar work on all tributaries of river.

Specific locations and work needed are as follows:

1. Ames Textile Corp. and Globe Tool & Die Co.
 - a) Reconstruct or remove Big Pond Dam, so called
 - b) Clear channel from spillway of Big Pond Dam to River Street
 - c) Clear out tail race at Ames Textile Corp.
2. Russell Harrington Cutlery Co.
 - a) Reconstruct dam
 - b) Clear channel from River Street southeasterly to the Central Street Bridge.
3. Clear and widen channel between Central Street and Mechanic Street bridges.
4. Shields — Deepen river and build walls to prevent erosion.

5. Michaels — Rebuild retaining wall.
6. Southbridge Lumber Co. — Remove remains of dam west of Central Street bridge.
7. Central Street Bridge — Rebuild with added capacity and new alignment.
8. A. O. property
 - a) Clear channel and remove disposed silt at pond west of A. O. dam
 - b) Clear river channel and canal from A. O. dam to end of A. O. property for a distance of about two thousand (2,000) feet
 - c) Clear overflow at property line
 - d) Rebuild dam.
9. Southbridge Finishing Co.
 - a) Clear canal from river to company dam
 - b) Rebuild dam
 - c) Rebuild canal gates
 - d) Clear river channel from dam to Southbridge-Dudley line
 - e) Clear canals from company dam to confluence with Quinebaug River.
10. Nuisance Brook
 - a) Increasing capacity of Nuisance Brook by constructing a diversion drain from area back of swimming pool, thence through private property to South Street, thence to West Street, thence along West Street to Quinebaug River
 - b) Improving Nuisance Brook by constructing a 60" concrete storm drain from the north side of Dresser Street to the west side of Marsh Street for a distance of approximately one thousand one hundred fifteen (1,115) feet
 - c) Reconstruct washed out flume and retaining wall at confluence of Nuisance Brook and Quinebaug River.
11. Cohasse Brook
 - a) Clearing of channel from Cohasse Dam at Cohasse Country Club northeasterly to confluence of Cohasse Brook and Quinebaug River for a distance of eight thousand (8,000) feet.
12. Dean Brook
 - a) Clearing of channel from Charlton town line to its confluence with Quinebaug River for a distance of five thousand (5,000) feet.
13. Cady Brook
 - a) Clearing and widening of channel from the southerly side of Route 20 in Charlton southerly and southeasterly to its confluence with Quinebaug River for a distance of nine thousand (9,000) feet.

14. McKinstry Brook

- a) Clearing of channel from west side of Plimpton Street southerly to confluence with Quinebaug River for a distance of four thousand (4,000) feet.

Again this year, all work was done with the full cooperation of the Highway Department and the Board of Selectmen, which resulted in better work and a great saving to the Town of Southbridge.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of your Board and other Boards, Committees, and Departments for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. RACICOT,
Town Engineer.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

As Director of the Department of Veterans' Services and Agent for Veterans' Benefits in the Town of Southbridge, I hereby submit my report of activities and services rendered for the year 1955.

VETERANS' SERVICES

This office is available to all veterans of Southbridge and their dependents, seeking information pertaining to their rights and benefits under Federal and State Laws.

It is the policy of this department to inform all eligible veterans, and their dependents, how to obtain benefits within the limits of the laws governing each agency.

Photostatic copies of discharges are being developed and recorded for Korean Veterans. In addition copies of marriage, birth, death, and other certificates were made for Veterans' Benefit Claims and claims against the Veterans' Administration.

A great majority of eligible discharged Korean Veterans have filed for the Massachusetts State Bonus through this office.

Claims for abatement of real estate taxes were filed by disabled veterans, widows and Gold Star Parents.

There were several cases pertaining to lost discharges and burial allowances.

Claims were filed with the Veterans' Administration and other branches of the government, pertaining to education, training, subsistence allowance, insurance payments, medical

treatment, hospitalization, compensation and pension for veterans and their dependents, flags for military funerals, re-employment rights, employment difficulties, unemployment compensation, as well as numerous telephone calls and letters.

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Under Chapter 115, and its amendments, each application for Veterans' Benefits submitted to the Town after thorough investigation in this office is forwarded to the office of the Commissioner, Department of Veterans' Services, for approval, as under this Chapter the State agrees to reimburse the Town for one-half of all aid granted, said reimbursement being made every four months. An investigator from the State Office periodically checks the local agent's office, in addition to personally contacting the recipient of Veterans Benefits.

Under the Law of the Commonwealth, if a veteran, or his dependents, meet all requirements of eligibility and he falls in need of financial assistance through no fault of his own, he is granted Veterans' Benefits. The amount varies, and is dependent upon the particular needs of the individual case. Any amount received from Federal Benefits or other financial grants is deducted from the amount that is allowed by this department, and therefore helps to reduce that which must be expended by the town.

A total of 118 applications for Veterans' Benefits were received during the year ending December 31, 1955.

109 Cases with Southbridge Settlement

5 Cases with out-of-town settlement

4 War Allowance

As of December 31, 1955, there were 65 active cases on file, aiding 115 persons.

In addition to the above, many cases are pending settlement and, as a result, constant follow-up service is maintained and reviews and appeals are requested where awards are considered unfair or insufficient.

This office, located in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, is open daily from 9 a. m. to 12 a. m. and 1 p. m. to 5 p. m., Monday through Friday. The office is also open Thursday night, 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

For detail of expenditures and reimbursements of this department, please refer to report of the Town Accountant.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all town departments, officials at Holyoke Soldiers Home, Roxbury and Boston, Veterans' Administration Hospitals, local industries, veterans organizations and their auxiliaries, and all others who helped to carry out the services of this department.

I also wish to express my thanks to the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, Mrs. Nora Harmon, Rehabilitation Chairman Veterans Foreign Wars Auxiliary,

The Elks and the various persons who wish to remain anonymous, who responded to our appeal so generously during the August Flood.

Respectfully submitted,
ROLAND G. HETU,
Director.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The wiring permits issued were as follows:

New Buildings	43
Remodeling and Additions to Already Erected Buildings	118
Additions to Old Wiring	265
Oil Burners	136
Electric Ranges	112
Electric Hot Water Heaters	37
Miscellaneous	65
Clothes Dryers	28
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Total Permits	804
Inspections While Work in Progress	1229
Recommendations to Change Wiring	146

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR J. ENO,
Inspector of Wires.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board of Public Welfare met weekly on Monday evenings at 7:00 P. M. throughout the year.

Mr. Ovide Desrosiers, a Board Member for eighteen years, died on December 1, 1955.

The relief programs under the direction of the Board of Public Welfare are: Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, Disability Assistance, General Relief and the Town Infirmary.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

A public assistance program established under Chapter 118 of the General Laws, under which cash allowances are provided for children who are living in a home maintained by their father, mother, or other relative when death, long term illness or some other factor has deprived the child of the normal support or care of either father or mother. Cash allowances are based upon a mandatory State Standard Budget. Under this program, cities and towns receive State and Federal reimbursements.

Total Cost	\$50,086.15
Federal Reimbursement	21,955.44
State Reimbursement	15,780.60
Refund and Recoveries	788.00
Total Reimbursements	38,514.04
Net Cost to Town	11,572.11

An average of one hundred and twelve children per month were aided.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

A program of public assistance, established by Chapter 118A of the General Laws, under which cash allowances are provided for elderly persons (65 years of age or over and citizen of the United States) who are in need. Cash allowances are based upon a mandatory State Standard Budget. Under this program, cities and towns receive State and Federal reimbursements.

Total Cost	\$236,974.88
Federal Reimbursement	105,122.71
State Reimbursement	87,149.41
Refunds	1,323.60
Recovery under Lien Law	4,046.86
Cities and Towns Reimbursements	1,778.75
Meal Tax	4,818.03
Total Reimbursements	204,239.36
Net Cost to Town	32,735.52

An average of three hundred and six cases per month were aided.

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

A program of public assistance established under Chapter 118D of the General Laws, under which cash allowances are provided for needy persons found to be permanently disabled and medically unemployable. In order to be eligible for assistance under this program, a person must be eighteen years of

age or over. Cash allowances are based upon a mandatory State Standard Budget. Under this program, cities and towns receive State and Federal reimbursements.

Total Cost	\$20,532.29
State Reimbursement	7,118.79
Federal Reimbursement	8,145.74
Refunds	34.70
Total Reimbursements	15,299.23
Net Cost to Town	5,233.06

An average of twenty-one persons were aided during the year 1955.

INFIRMARY

The infirmary is under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dowling. An average of thirteen inmates were aided through the year at a cost of \$15.43 per week per inmate.

We wish to express our thanks to the various clubs and organizations and individuals who donated gifts to the inmates during the Holidays.

GENERAL RELIEF

Assistance given to needy persons by the local Board of Public Welfare, under Chapter 117 of the General Laws. Aid may be in cash or by actual provision of the item or service.

Total Cost	\$48,068.77
State Reimbursement	3,160.34
Refunds	129.30
Total Reimbursements	3,289.64
Net Cost to Town	44,779.13

One hundred and eighteen persons per month were aided.

We wish to express our sincerest thanks to the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Elks, Rotary Club, Exchange Club, Civitan Club, Lions' Club, American Legion, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Y.M.C.A., Salvation Army, Mother's Club, and the various persons who wish to remain anonymous, for their generous donations toward our Summer Camp and Christmas Projects for the needy children of our community; also through the generosity of these organizations during the entire year, we were able to provide extras to the needy families of the community.

Our most heartfelt gratitude to the American Red Cross, who, as Official Relief Agency, met the needs of the stricken during the flood of August 19, 1955.

Respectfully submitted,
HERMAS LIPPE,
Acting Chairman;
RAYMOND L. BOUCHER,
Third Member;
LILIAN G. PROULX,
Welfare Agent.

DEPT. OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Dear Sirs:

Upon taking over the Civil Defense Department July 1st of this year after the resignation of Chief of Police Ovide Desrosier as Director, I found the greatest stumbling block to be public apathy. No one could see the need for a well equipped and well trained Civil Defense Department. Outside of the Police and Fire Departments, who are considered by law to be the core of Civil Defense planning, and a group of amateur radio operators dedicated to public service, there was no department. It lacked equipment and funds, not because of lack of proper direction but because of lack of public understanding.

On August 18, 1955, Southbridge was hit with the most disastrous flood in its history. The Police and Fire Departments, along with hastily organized rescue groups in coordination with Civil Defense, performed miracles in saving lives and injuries. The radio amateurs went into immediate action providing our only communications link for days. The Engineering Department asked for equipment through the State Civil Defense and got immediate assistance from the state and national level. The Health, Welfare, Highway, and Sewer Departments went into action with, and as part of my staff.

The combined effort of these people in conjunction with the Civil Defense, has made the department a thing of reality. At the state level in Civil Defense the praise of this action is gratifying to hear. Our action here in Southbridge has set far reaching precedents. I hope in the coming year we can justify this praise by our continued faith in Civil Defense.

The man hours expended by my staff and the cooperating aforementioned town departments amounted to 30,275 hours, in the emergency stages of the disaster.

We, in Civil Defense, need the cooperation of the citizens of Southbridge to build and maintain this Department, also to provide the necessary funds for operation and equipping the department.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES R. McLAM,
Civil Defense Director.

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Street Superintendent wishes to submit the following report of the activities of the Highway Department for the year ended December 31, 1955.

All country roads were graveled, graded and rolled, surface water drains cleaned and flushed, and brush cut along the roadsides, all town streets were patched several times during the season.

The Street Oiling program was half completed, but most of the work was destroyed by the flood of August 19th.

Drains were cleaned and flushed, brush cut, and roads patched under Chapter 90 Maintenance.

Road Machinery Maintenance costs were extremely high because of flood damage to some of the equipment; also damage to truck tires caused by traveling over roads and streets covered with debris.

It is impossible to give a detailed report because practically all records were destroyed by the flood. I wish to thank all other departments for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH E. BENOIT,
Street Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The Planning Board submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

ZONE CHANGES

Two zone changes were approved, Woodstock Road and Ashland Avenue; the other was Worcester Street, Mechanic Street and Olney Avenue.

SUBDIVISIONS

Conditional approval was granted to Big Bunny Market, Inc., to develop a plot of land on the east side of North Woodstock Road.

MAPS

The Zoning Map is being brought up to date by a planning consultant, a 1955 contour map of the Town is in the planning board office.

Many citizens of the Town appeared before the Board for information and help concerning the Zoning Map and By-Laws. Copies of our Zoning Map and By-Laws were sent, upon request to Towns organizing their own planning boards.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD M. WALSH, Chairman,
WM. B. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Sec'y.
JAMES J. FALLON,
RAYMOND J. LATAILLE,
ROLAND A. PONTBRIAND,
Planning Board.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

This is my report of work accomplished during the year 1955.

Thirty-three dogs were quarantined and released. All barns inspected and all neat animals inspected and enumerated, books returned to Division of Disease Control, Boston, Mass.

Respectfully submitted,

ALCIDE FOURNIER,
Animal Inspector.

REPORT OF BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The By-Laws Committee have not quite completed their work on the by-laws revision for the Town of Southbridge.

We wish to report that this work will be completed within the next few weeks.

We will not require any additional money above the balance of our appropriation which we would like to retain, amounting to \$234.46.

Respectfully submitted,

OSWALD J. LALIBERTE,
Chairman,
By-Laws Committee.

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF REVIEW FOR CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with Section 9, Article 8 of the 1954 Town Warrant, the following is the report of the Advisory Board of Review for Classification and Compensation for the year 1955:

The Board consisted of Mario J. DeAngelis, Chairman; George W. Laughnane, Clerk, and Ernest Farland, third member. Edgar Tremblay was appointed to this Board in June to replace Ernest Farland who was appointed to the Assessors' Office.

The Board held a number of meetings with town officials on Wages and Classification problems during the year. The Board also met with the Finance Committee and made its recommendation on salaries.

At present the Classification and Compensation Plan, as approved by the 1954 Town Meeting, does not include many town positions. To name a few, the three members of the Sewer Commission, Board of Registrars and Custodian of the Town Dump are not included in this Plan.

The Board plans to make a study of this during 1956, and will make a report of their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen during 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIO J. DeANGELIS, Chairman,
GEORGE W. LAUGHNANE, Clerk,
EDGAR TREMBLEY, Third Member.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TRUSTEES FOR THE EDWARDS BEQUEST

W. Wesley Crawford
Ellsworth D. Mitchell

Jacob K. Edwards
John O. Martin

FOR THE TOWN

Oswald J. Laliberte

Edward P. Sheehan
Dr. Nerio W. Pioppi, Chairman

LIBRARY HOURS

Open 1956:

Monday - Friday	10.00 a. m. - 9:00 p. m.
Saturday	10:00 a. m. - 6:00 p. m.

Closed 1956:

January 2	New Year's Day
February 22	Washington's Birthday
May 30	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 3	Labor Day
October 12	Columbus Day
November 12	Veterans' Day
November 22	Thanksgiving Day
December 25	Christmas Day

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

1955 followed the trend of past years with a substantial increase in the annual circulation. The major portion of this lies with the juvenile readers. This is especially remarkable when one realizes that juvenile circulation has grown from 14,000 to 37,000 since the present building was opened with no increase in facilities. Consequently crowded accommodations have seriously hindered the realization of full service to children such as they should expect. This is especially serious since there are no school libraries here for specialized work with children. It is urgent that this situation be remedied.

A program of weekly movies, obtained for low cost from the State Extension Service, was started during the past winter. After a slow beginning, the attendance gradually built up until there are usually between twenty and twenty-five present. This has attracted several who before had been unfamiliar with the library. The publicity in the Southbridge Evening News and on Station WESO contributed substantially to its success.

The Children's Reading Club had for its theme last summer "West with the Pioneers." Tally was kept by small covered wagons that moved a thousand miles for each four books read. Several crossed the continent more than once. Mrs. Mary Hazelton, Children's Librarian, assisted by Sylvia Gregoire, Elizabeth Harvey and Joanne Houle, planned the program of songs, games and stories that rounded out the regular meetings.

Fortunate the flood of August 19 brought only a little water in the lower corridor and the boiler room and caused no actual damage. The library reopened Tuesday, the 22d, from 1 to 5 using sunlight for illumination. Electricity was restored the following day and the building remained open until a half hour before curfew. The library is now collecting a source file of pictures and personal reminiscences of local persons affected by the flood.

In September the new librarian arrived and has been deeply impressed with the fine work accomplished by the small staff under the expert guidance of Mrs. Heather who had been acting librarian. They have been most pleasant about cooperating with the ideas of the librarian even though it meant added work for them. The Board of Trustees, too, has demonstrated that their genuine interest in the library extends to encouraging the innovations suggested by the librarian.

New lighted display cases were constructed at each end of the reading room. Now displays can be enhanced by small objects of value that will be protected by glass doors.

A Sunday program of recorded music, "Adventures in Music", accepted the library as "sponsor" as a public service by Station WESO. This is narrated by the Reverend William Slater who plans programs around the library's record collection with the cooperation of the Music Group. All the "commercials" concern the use of the library.

Superintendent Fox arranged for the librarian to visit each of the elementary schools to become acquainted and explain the services of the library. A way must be found to get more books to children in grades one to three who are too small to come to the library.

A Book Fair was held during Book Week, November 13-19. The purpose was not only to stimulate use of the library but to encourage the acquisition of personal book collections. Classes were scheduled to attend. New children's library books were displayed, and adult and juvenile books were available for sale. There were several exhibits of a bookish nature. The Senior Girl Scouts were invaluable in making the Fair a success.

The librarian congratulates the town on its fine library and its exceptional Board of Trustees and will do everything possible to uphold the tradition of service.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF CIRCULATION

	1954	1955
General Works	214	189
Philosophy	599	609
Religion	644	794
Sociology	1,233	1,318
Language	177	184
Science	866	878
Useful Arts	2,421	2,383
Fine Arts	2,043	1,753
Literature	1,579	1,858
History	992	1,036
Travel	1,301	1,468
Biography	2,274	3,003
Total Adult Non-Fiction	14,343	15,473

Current Periodicals	3,071	2,834
Pamphlets	430	447
Foreign Books	289	268
Fiction	26,930	27,649
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Total Adult Circulation	45,063	46,671
Records	152	200
Pictures	389	541
Children's Books and Periodicals	31,598	37,205
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GRAND TOTAL	77,202	84,617

STATISTICAL RECORD

Date of Founding	1871
Population Served	18,000
Days open during the year	302
Hours open each week	63
Number of volumes January 1, 1955	37,646
Number of volumes added	1,458
New	1,440
Replaced	18
(includes 152 books by gift and transfer from rental)	
Number of volumes discarded and lost	749
Number of volumes December 31, 1955	38,355
Number of registered borrowers	5,069
Number of volumes lent for home use	84,617
Largest circulation for one day	511
Smallest circulation for one day	93
Average circulation per day	280

LIBRARY STAFF

Librarian	Mary Anna Tien
Reference Librarian	Hilda Heather
Children's Librarian	Mary Hazelton
Bookkeeper and General Assistant	Gladys Hobson
Circulation Librarian	Carmela DeAngelis
Janitor	Joseph Lataille

PART TIME STAFF

Marily Anderson	Joanne Houle
Catherine Beebe	Viola Michael
Sylvia Gregoire	Helen Rowley
Kathryn Hart	Rita Roy
Elizabeth Harvey	Loretta Spiro

Respectfully submitted,
MARY ANNA TIEN,
Librarian.

1955 RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Cash Balance January 1, 1955	\$ 1,339.28
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Receipts:

Town Appropriation	\$19,340.00	
Town Appropriation—Special	1,000.00	
Mynott Fund Interest	30.00	
Trustees of Edwards Trust Funds	7,361.27	
Rental of Records	24.90	
Sale of Books	3.50	27,759.67
		\$29,098.95

Expenditures:

Payroll	\$16,042.71	
Building Expenses	2,238.14	
Operating Expenses	1,000.00	
Building Maintenance	718.06	
Grounds Maintenance	152.40	
Books and Periodicals	4,009.96	
Book Repairs	78.65	
Films	193.50	
Equipment	50.00	
Total Expenses	\$24,483.42	
Transfer to Reserve for Building Repairs and Improvements	2,500.00	
Transfer to E&D Account	12.96	
Total		26,996.38

Cash Balance December 31, 1955	\$ 2,102.57
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Represented by:

Trustees Cash	\$ 1,080.80	
Mynott Fund Interest	21.33	
Pilsudski Fund Interest44	
Special Account	1,000.00	
		\$ 2,102.57

RESERVE FOR BUILDING REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS

Balance January 1, 1955	\$12,981.36
Add:	
Interest	326.56
Transfer	2,500.00
Balance December 31, 1955	\$15,807.92

PILSUDSKI BOOK CLUB FUND

Balance January 1, 1955	\$	208.90
Add:		
Interest		6.30
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Balance December 31, 1955	\$	215.20

The following tabulation indicates the proportion of the cost of the Library borne by the taxpayers of the Town of Southbridge:

	1955	1955	1956
	Budget	Expenditures	Budget
		%	%
Expenses paid by the Town:			
Appropriation — Regular	\$19,340.00		\$19,891.00
Appropriation — Special	1,000.00		1,000.00
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	\$20,340.00	75.8	\$20,891.00
			79.0
Expenses paid by Trust Funds:			
Edwards Trust	\$ 6,490.00	24.2	
Mynott Fund		5,106.62	
Pilsudski Fund		32.80	
		4.00	
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	\$26,830.00	100.0	\$27,541.00
			100.0

If the amount collected by the Library and turned in to the Town Treasurer, \$1,237.45, is taken into consideration, the net cost to the taxpayers for 1955 is \$18,102.55 or 73.9% of the total cost for the year.

Attention is called to the estimated contribution for 1956 of \$6,650.00 from Trust Funds. On this basis the Town cost will be only 75.9% of the total budget including the special appropriation of \$1,000.00.

In the interest of the public the Trustees urgently recommend that the facilities of the library be expanded to provide space for a Children's Section. To this end the Special Appropriation will be accumulated and this, together with Trust Funds will be used for alterations to the existing building necessary to provide such facilities.

Approved by Trustees, The Jacob Edwards
Memorial Library,

NERIO W. PLOPPI, Chairman
EDWARD P. SHEEHAN
JACOB K. EDWARDS
OSWALD J. LALIBERTE
JOHN O. MARTIN
E. D. MITCHELL
W. WESLEY CRAWFORD

**FORTIETH REPORT
OF THE
TOWN ACCOUNTANT
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE**

**For The Year Ending
December 31, 1955**

LEON A. CARON, Town Accountant

REVENUE — 1955

General Revenue

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll	\$ 10,239.31	
Personal	167,575.74	
Real Estate	836,583.46	
Motor Vehicle Excise	124,359.23	\$1,138,757.74

Previous Years:

Poll	\$ 126.00	
Personal	3,860.33	
Real Estate	36,030.58	
Motor Vehicle Excise	13,462.70	53,479.61

From State:

Business — Corporation		
Tax	\$ 50,793.58	
Income Tax	85,094.76	
School Aid Accord- ing to Chapter 70	90,100.00	
Meal Tax — Old		
Age Assistance	4,818.03	230,806.37

Licenses and Permits:

Licenses:

Liquor	\$ 14,704.00
Hawkers, Peddlars and Junk	200.00
Sunday Store	15.00

Common Victuallers and Innholders	33.00	
Pool, Billiard and Bowling	26.00	
Milk and Oleo	76.00	
Auto Dealers Licenses	71.00	
Auctioneers	12.00	
Taxis and Drivers	22.00	
Firearms	124.00	
All Others	1,073.66	16,356.66

Permits:

Garage	\$ 28.50	
Gasoline and Motor Oil	27.50	
Kerosene and Fuel Oil	1.75	
All Other	71.75	129.50

**Fines and
Forfeitures:**

Court Fines		552.00
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Grants and Gifts:

From County:

Dog Licenses		2232.13
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From State:

Vocational Education \$	35,993.34	
Smith-Hughes Fund	1,168.00	
Rent Control		
Reimbursement	559.78	37,721.12

Highway Aid:

State and County—

Chapter 90:

Contract #15434—		
County	\$ 5,092.20	
Contract #15434—		
State	10,184.40	
Contract #15114—		
State	1,000.00	16,276.60

Federal Grants and Gifts:

Aid to Dependent Children:

Salaries and Adm.	\$ 1,832.50	
Expense	21,955.44	23,787.94

Old Age Assistance:

Salaries and Adm.	\$ 8,447.92	
Expense	105,123.21	113,571.13
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Disability Assistance:

Salaries and Adm.	\$ 575.46	
Expense	8,145.74	8,721.20
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Other Revenue:

Tax Titles Sales and Redemption	181.29
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Total General Revenue \$1,642,573.29

Commercial Revenue

Departmental:

General Government:

Treasurer	\$ 37.50	
Town Clerk	50.00	
Selectmen	1,068.83	
Town Hall	109.29	\$ 1,265.62
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Recreation 1.00

Protection of Persons
and Property:

Police	\$ 10.25
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Fire:

Sale of Old Material	19.98	30.23
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Sealers of Weights and

Measures:

Sealing Fees	542.60
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Civil Defense Emergency

Housing:

Comm. of Publ. Tel.	4.61
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Civil Defense67
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Ambulance Fees	2,458.35
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Health:

Contagious Diseases	879.98
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Highway:

Equipment Rental	5.00
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**Public Welfare and
Veteran Benefits:****Temporary Aid:**

From State	\$ 3,160.34	
From Individuals	35.00	3,195.34
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**Aid to Dependent
Children:**

From State	\$ 15,780.60	
From Individuals	721.00	16,501.60
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Old Age Assistance:

From State	\$ 87,149.41	
From Cities and Towns	1,778.75	
From Individuals	4,046.86	92,975.02
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Disability Assistance:

From State	7,118.79	
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Infirmary:

Reimbursements	1,761.45	
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Veteran Benefits:

From State	20,499.63	147,239.89
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Schools and Library:**Schools:**

Other Tuition	\$ 9,819.62	
Worcester County Elec- tric—Permit for poles	1,000.00	
All Other	3.00	10,822.62
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Library:

Fines and Sales	\$ 1,127.02	
All Other	465.55	1,592.57
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Unclassified:

Trailer Rents	3,577.70	
Parking Meter Receipts	18,491.74	
Airport Rental	2,650.00	
Federal Flood Dam- age Reimbursement	28,671.04	53,390.48
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Total Departmental Revenue \$ 213,045.56

Oak Ridge Cemetery:

Sale of Lots and Graves	\$ 1,390.00	
Graves Opened	1,170.00	2,560.00
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Special Assessments:

Sewers	\$ 2,215.93	
Sidewalks	232.01	2,447.94
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Interest:

On Deferred Taxes....	\$ 1,108.75	
On Special Assessments	78.77	
Town Clerk's Fees	2,851.70	
Tax Collector's Fees	674.30	
On Motor Veh. Excise	148.83	
On Tax Titles	7.47	
Tailings	224.87	5,094.69
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On Trust and Investment Funds:

Adah Stedman Fund	\$ 30.00		
Ella Cole Fund	90.74		
Mable Murphy Fund	60.00		
Mary Mynott Fund	30.00		
On Cemetery Fund	3,055.20	3,265.94	13,368.75
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Municipal Indebtedness:**Temporary Loans:**

Anticipation of Revenue	575,000.00
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Agency, Trust and Investment:**Agency:**

Dog Licenses—Due County	\$ 1,849.00
Fed. Withholding Tax	106,943.69
Blue Cross	9,156.75
Deposits on Plans and Bids	6,185.00
Fed. Lunch Program	32,637.19
School Athletic Fund	8,970.89

Deposit on Trailers	1,470.80	
Deposit on Garbage		
Contract & Deposit		
on Town Report ..	700.00	
C. D. E. Housing Elec-		
tric Receipts	324.74	168,238.06

Trust and Investment:

Perpetual Care	\$ 1,010.00		
Investment	3,375.00	4,385.00	172,623.06

Refunds:

School Exp.—1954	\$ 2.00
1954 Mot. Veh. Excise	24.42
Fed. Lunch Program	49.75
Veterans Benefits—Exp.	962.85
1952—Elm Street	4.00
Gen. Relief—Exp.	94.30
1954—Fire Dept.—Exp.	1.00
Old Age Assist.—Fed.	
Grant—Expense	582.95
Old Age Assist.—	
Expense—1954	24.60
Old Age Assist.—Exp.	776.25
School Athl. Fund	1.00
Town Collector—Exp.	5.00
School — Salary	60.00
Old Age Assist.—Fed.	
Grant Admin.	3.00
Int. on Revenue Loans	28.88
Highway — Expense	10.00
Road Mach. Mainten.	650.00
Dresser Field—Maint.	
and Improvement	2.25
Disability Assist.—Exp.	34.70
Outstanding Bills	
of 1954	98.00
1955 Real Est. Refund	118.00
Aid to Depend. Child.—	
Fed. Grant—Exp.	57.40
1955 School—Exp.	177.86
Mary Mynott Fund	17.63
1955 Poll Tax	2.00
Forest Fire—Exp.	1.75
1955 Mot. Veh. Excise	17.13
Driver Educ. Program	1.50

Insurance	16.64	
Police — Expense	97.38	
Town Clerk — Exp.	.44	
Emerg. Flood Relief— Expense	573.76	
High St. Construct.	8,628.70	
Treasurer's Expense	10.00	
Library — Expense	164.28	
Library — Salary	28.00	
Ambulance — Expense	24.74	
Treasurer — Salary	.60	13,352.76

Total Revenue for 1955	\$2,629,963.24
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1955	373,145.42
	<u>\$3,003,108.66</u>

EXPENDITURES — 1955

General Government

Moderator:

Salary	\$	60.00
Finance Committee		25.00

Selectmen:

Salaries and Wages:

Chairman	\$	550.00	
2 Members		899.96	
Clerk		2,300.00	
Extra Clerical		100.00	3,849.96

Other Expenses:

Supplies, Stationery and Postage	\$	270.45	
Printing & Advert.		178.93	
Telephone		167.65	
Equipm. & Mainten.		45.00	
All Other		122.77	
Travel, etc.		33.85	818.65

Garbage Collection	5,600.00	10,268.61
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Accountant:

Salaries and Wages:			
Accountant	\$	3,900.00	
Clerk		1,835.00	
Extra Clerical		194.10	5,929.10
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Other Expenses:			
Supplies, Stationery and Postage	\$	67.58	
Printing & Advert.		266.56	
Telephone		1.15	
Equip. & Maint.		100.69	
Travel, Dues and All Other		59.38	495.36
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Treasurer:

Salaries and Wages:			
Treasurer	\$	2,400.00	
Clerk		2,100.60	
Extra Clerical		1,200.00	5,700.60
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Other Expenses:			
Foreclosure Tax			
Titles	\$	500.00	
Stationery & Postage		437.11	
Printing & Advert.		148.16	
Equip. & Maint.		47.61	
Telephone		167.70	
Surety Bond		278.00	
Dues, Travel and All Other		120.19	1,698.77
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Town Collector:

Salaries and Wages:			
Collector	\$	4,100.00	
Clerk		2,100.00	
Extra Clerical		1,241.51	7,441.51
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Other Expenses:			
Stationery & Postage	\$	1,178.56	
Printing & Advert.		572.96	
Telephone		139.45	
Surety Bond		415.50	
Equipm. & Maint.		42.54	
Travel, Dues and All Other		99.08	2,448.09
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Assessors:**Salaries and Wages:**

Assessors—2 Memb.	\$	1,200.00	
Clerk of Board		3,900.00	
Clerk		2,200.00	
Extra Clerical		200.00	7,500.00

Other Expenses:

Stationery & Postage	\$	886.09	
Travel, Dues and			
All Other		439.73	
Telephone		143.05	
Equipment and			
Maintenance		97.60	1,566.47

9,066.47

Law:**Salaries and Wages:**

Town Counsel		2,300.00
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Other Expenses:

Stationery & Postage	\$	41.33	
Printing & Advert.		9.50	
Telephone		20.60	
Recording Fee		32.25	
Travel, Dues and			
All Other		189.50	293.18

2,593.18

Town Clerk:**Salaries and Wages:**

Town Clerk	\$	4,500.00	
Clerk		2,200.00	
Extra Clerical		617.05	7,317.05

Other Expenses:

Supplies, Stationery			
and Postage	\$	227.90	
Printing & Advert.		43.93	
Telephone		200.85	
Surety Bond		15.00	
Equipm. & Maint.		72.95	
Travel, Dues and			
All Other		177.19	737.82

8,054.87

**Election and
Registration:****Salaries and Wages:**

3 Registrars	\$	300.00		
Clerk of Board		250.00	550.00	

Election Expenses:

Election Officers	\$	1,267.77		
Clerical Services		683.34		
Supplies, Stationery and Postage		65.71		
Printing & Advert.		532.50		
Meals		43.27		
Carfares, Auto Hire, etc.		2.24		
Equipm. & Maint.		53.21		
All Other		40.26	2,688.30	

Relisting Expenses:

Assistant Registrars \$	822.57			
Supplies and Postage	119.17			
Printing	566.00			
Advertising	5.63			
Mileage, Travel	10.51	1,523.88	4,762.18	

Engineering:**Salaries and Wages:**

Engineer	\$	5,900.00		
Assistant Engineer ..		3,413.94		
Clerk and Helpers		4,762.07	14,076.01	

Office Expense:

Printing, Stationery and Postage	\$	285.36		
Equip. & Maint.		82.15		
Telephone		140.00		
Dues		5.00	512.51	

Field Expense:

Material and Supp. ..	\$	291.76		
Mileage, Travel		896.19		
Equip. & Maint.		350.00	1,537.95	16,126.47

Town Hall:**Salaries and Wages:**

Janitor	3,100.00	
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Other Expenses:

Fuel	\$ 3,085.77		
Light	823.62		
Janitor's Supplies	406.89		
Building and Boiler			
Repairs	323.81		
Telephone	66.30		
Water and All Other	572.29	5,278.68	8,378.68
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Retirement Board:

Administration	1,090.00	1,090.00
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By-Laws Revision:

Clerical Services	\$ 128.67	
Stationery, Supplies		
and Postage	137.02	265.69
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Planning Board:

Stationery, Supplies		
and Postage	\$ 122.12	
Mileage, Travel	153.82	
Dues	20.00	
Map	60.00	
All Other	1.25	357.19
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Total General Government	\$ 84,761.77
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Protection of Persons and Property**Police Department:****Salaries and Wages:**

Chief	\$ 4,899.96
Deputy Chief	4,500.00
Sergeant	3,900.00

**Fingerprint and
Identification:**

Officer	\$ 3,955.86
Patrolmen	75,487.05

Lock Up Keeper	2,650.00		
Special Police and Matron and Doctors	1,881.93	97,274.80	
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Equipment and Maintenance:			
Motor Equipment \$	1,272.37		
Gasoline, Oil, etc.	1,748.86		
Radio	931.23		
Officers Equip.	349.69		
Additional Equip. ..	38.42	4,340.57	
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Fuel and Light:			
Fuel	\$ 617.21		
Light	519.79	1,137.00	
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Maint. of Buildings and Grounds:			
Repairs	\$ 570.67		
Janitors' Supplies	286.95		
Water and All Other	61.03	918.65	
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Other Expenses:			
Printing, Stationery and Postage	\$ 325.03		
Telephone	2,646.48		
Equip. & Maint.	142.20		
Photo and Finger- print Supplies	148.75		
Dues and All Other	139.50	3,401.96	
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Prisoners' Expenses:			
Matrons and Guards \$	10.00		
Board and Care Pri- vate Institutions ..	198.75		
Officers' Expense	78.15		
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School Safety Patrol Supplies		388.24	
Emergency Generating Plant		999.38	
Aux. Police Equip.		97.25	
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Parking Meter Div.:			
Salaries	\$ 10,733.50		
Expense	2,941.58		
New Cruiser	2,000.00	15,675.08	124,519.83
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Fire Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Chief	\$ 4,600.00	
Deputy Chief	4,400.00	
2 Captains	8,199.90	
Permanent Firemen	64,200.10	
Call Firemen	6,650.00	
Supt. of Alarm	350.00	
Clerk	100.00	88,500.00
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Equipment & Maintenance:

Apparatus Repairs \$	173.72	
Equip. for Men	529.22	
Apparatus Access. and Materials and Supplies	425.47	
Mobile Radio	199.44	
Gasoline and Oil	333.38	
Alarm Boxes, etc.	388.26	
Shop Equipm. and Maintenance	55.11	2,104.60
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Hydrant Service 21,255.00

Fuel and Light:

Fuel	\$ 1,936.29	
Light	335.76	2,272.05
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Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:

Repairs	\$ 235.12	
Furniture and Furnishings	77.98	
Laundry	39.33	
Care of Grounds	7.72	
Water, Janitor's Sup- plies and All Other	275.46	635.61
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Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	\$ 54.32	
Telephone	378.15	
Office Equipment and Maintenance	13.25	
Dues, Mileage, Travel and All Other	82.67	528.39
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New Underground			
Cables and Alarm Boxes	2,936.59		
Liquid Foam	250.00		
Out of State Travel	42.09		
New Additon for Am- bulance Garage	79.82	118,604.15	

Forest Fire:

Salaries and Wages:			
Warden	200.00		
Other Expenses:			
Fighting Fires	\$ 350.69		
Radio Equipment and Maintenance	199.44		
Repair Parts, Gaso- line and Oil	253.43		
Materials and Sup- plies and All Other	391.08		
New Hose	402.00	1,596.64	1,796.64

Planting and Trimming Trees:

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	\$ 384.51		
Labor	1,378.95	1,763.46	
Other Expenses:			
Hardware and Tools	\$ 63.66		
Equipment Rental	357.00	436.45	2,199.91

Moth Extermination:

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	5.10		
Other Expenses:			
Truck Hire	\$ 315.78		
Insecticides	77.80		
Hardware and Tools	1.32	394.90	400.00

Dutch Elm Disease:

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent	\$ 202.89		
Labor	507.89	710.78	

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Printing and Postage	\$.72		
Telephone		1.65		
Insecticides		544.60		
Hardware and Tools		34.00		
Equipment Hire		2,158.25	2,739.22	3,450.00

Building Inspector:**Salaries and Wages:**

Inspector			700.00	
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Other Expenses:

Telephone, Materials and Supplies	\$	49.42		
Mileage, Travel		100.58	150.00	850.00

Wire Inspector:**Salaries and Wages:**

Inspector			799.92	
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Other Expenses:

Telephone and Supplies	\$	60.00		
Mileage, Travel and and All Other		90.00	150.00	949.92

**Sealer of Weights
and Measures:****Salaries and Wages:**

Sealer			1,600.00	
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Other Expenses:

Stationery and Postage	\$	4.00		
Printing & Advert.		5.00		
Carfares, Auto Hire, etc.		300.00		
Equip. & Maint.		19.00		
Telephone		51.65		
All Other		9.93	389.58	1,989.58

Ambulance:

Laundry and Equip. and Maintenance	\$	249.31		
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Gasoline, Oil, etc. and Auto Maintenance	798.02	
Materials and Supplies	259.97	
Mobile Radio and Driver's Expenses	409.70	1,717.00
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Dog Officer:

Salary		250.00	
Other Expenses:			
Dogs Boarded	\$ 405.00		
Dogs Destroyed	89.00	494.00	744.00
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Street Lighting:

Street Lights	22,493.79
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Animal Inspector:

Salary	300.00	
Other Expenses:		
Mileage and Travel	74.97	374.97

Total Protection of Persons and Property .. \$ 280,089.79

Health and Sanitation

Health:

Salaries and Wages:

Board Members	\$ 330.00	
Agent	699.96	
Board Physician	330.00	
Parochial School, M.D.	769.92	
Podiatrist	250.00	
Nurse	3,516.00	
Clerk Hire	300.00	
Dental Clinic	700.00	
Plumbing Inspector	3,399.96	
Food Inspector	300.00	
Milk Inspector	300.00	
Slaughtering Insp.	399.96	
Sanitary Inspector ..	499.92	11,796.38
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Travel:

Agent	\$	59.85	
Nurse		109.35	
Plumbing Insp.		173.08	
Slaughtering Insp.		13.00	355.28

Premature Births			503.00
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Garbage Collection			2,247.00
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Other Expenses:

Dental Clinic	\$	24.06	
Laboratory		135.50	
Office Expense		383.44	
School Medical Supplies		3.17	546.17

Vital Statistics:

Births	\$	49.25	
Deaths		19.25	68.50

**T. B. and Contagious
Diseases:**

Worcester County Sanitarium	\$	1,705.50	
Belmont Hospital		24.00	
Cambridge Hospital		998.00	
Medical Supplies		391.46	
Misc. Expenses		76.87	3,195.83
			18,712.16

Sewer:**Salaries and Wages:**

Commissioners	\$	450.00	
Caretaker		5,885.00	6,335.00

Administrative Expense:

Stationery, Printing and Postage	\$	24.17	
All Other		123.82	147.99

General Expense:

Telephone	\$	170.70	
Insurance, Reg. and Repairs Truck		142.62	

Tools and Equip.	16.42		
Pipe and Fittings	11.56		
Gasoline and Oil	171.62		
Material and Supplies	190.25		
Labor	90.00		
Repair Sewer Lines	16.00		
Man Holes	47.50		
Fuel and Light	12.00	868.67	7,351.66
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Total Health and Sanitation		\$	26,063.82

Highway, Snow and Ice, Dump, Rubbish Collection and Chapter 90

General Administration:

Salaries and Wages:

Superintendent	\$	4,300.00
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Other Expenses:

Stationery, Supplies and Postage	\$	108.41	
Telephone		291.52	
All Other and Equip- ment and Maint.		33.00	432.93

General Maintenance:

Timekeeper Clerk	\$	3,472.00	
Labor		38,421.08	
Equipment Rental		104.00	
Equipment & Repairs		662.69	
Broken Stone, Gravel and Other Sur- facing		3,748.61	
Other Materials and Supplies		3,065.64	
All Other		95.50	49,569.52

Oil and Sand for Roads		5,662.31
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Automotive Equipment:

Maintenance and Repairs		4.32
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Building and Grounds:

Maintenance and Repairs	\$	312.28
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Fuel, Light and Water	963.21		
Equipment and Maintenance	279.95		
All Other	135.74	1,691.18	

New Road Machinery:

New Equipment		12,043.00	
Other Expenses:			
Mobile Radio	\$ 197.67		
All Other	1.00	198.67	73,901.93

Road Machinery Maintenance:

Equipment and Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 5,754.27		
Gas and Oil, etc.	5,905.32		
Tires and Tubes	2,404.91		
All Other	24.52	14,089.02	

Town Dump:

Salary	\$ 2,700.00		
Rodent Control	900.00	3,600.00	

Rubbish Collection:

Contract		3,499.99	

Snow and Ice Removal:

Labor	\$ 3,037.20		
Tools and Equip.	46.75		
Snow Fences	120.00		
Salt, Sand and Gravel	2,551.25		
All Other	261.70		
Laborers' Meals	102.28		
Truck Hire	395.50		
Country Road Shovel Rental	242.25	6,756.93	27,945.94

Chapter 90 Maintenance

State and County Aid:

Eastford Road:

Labor	265.00
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Dresser Hill Road:

Labor	265.00
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East Main Street:

Labor	\$	543.97	
Material and Supp.		96.50	640.47

North Woodstock Road:

Labor	\$	625.00	
Materials and Supp.		731.37	1,356.37

Old North Woodstock Road:

Labor	\$	299.02	
Truck Hire		104.00	403.02

River Road:

Labor	130.00
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Worcester Street:

Labor	456.07
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Dudley Road:

Labor	84.07	3,600.00
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Total Highway, Snow and Ice, Dump,

Rubbish Collection and Chapter 90 \$ 105,447.87

Charities and Veteran Benefits

General Relief:

Salaries and Wages:

Board	\$	1,300.00	
Supervisor		2,907.85	
Clerks		4,765.45	
Social Workers		3,939.69	12,912.99

General Administration:

Mileage and Travel	21.48
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Other Expenses:

Groceries and Provisions	\$ 10,128.85		
Fuel	2,202.10		
Medicine and Medical Attendance	4,340.17		
Hospital Care	6,791.05		
Rent	3,302.36		
Clothing	159.82		
Cash Grants	4,640.95		
Board and Care	2,779.47		
State Institutions	2,321.75		
Private Institutions ..	90.50		
Household Furniture and Moving	127.50		
Burials	1,050.00		
All Other	601.60	38,536.12	

Relief by Other Cities and Towns:

Cities	\$ 7,179.26		
Towns	1,936.29	9,115.55	

Truck Expense:

Gasoline, Oil, etc.	\$ 232.84		
Equipment and Maintenance	162.78	395.62	60,981.76

Aid to Dependent Children:**Town Appropriation—**

Relief Expenses:			
Cash Grants			29,913.10

Aid to Dependent Children:**Federal Grant—**

Salaries and Wages:			
Supervisor	\$ 235.35		
Social Workers	325.50		
Clerks	384.60	945.45	

Administrative Expense:

Telephone	\$ 39.70		
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Stationery, Supplies and Postage	137.74		
Mileage and Travel	57.81		
Dues and All Other	183.63	418.88	

Relief Expense:			
Cash Grants	\$ 20,173.05	20,173.05	21,537.38

Old Age Assistance:

Town Appropriation— Relief Expense			128,180.06
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Old Age Assistance:

Federal Grant— Salaries and Wages:			
Board	\$ 400.00		
Supervisor	936.80		
Social Workers	1,236.37		
Clerks	1,616.07	4,189.24	

Administrative Exp.: Stationery, Supplies and Postage	\$ 1,402.77		
Mileage and Travel	289.35		
Dues and All Other	558.00		
Telephone	330.50	2,580.71	

Relief Expense:			
Cash Grant	\$106,857.81		
Cities and Towns ..	1,937.01	108,794.82	115,564.77

Disability Assistance:

Town Appropriation— Relief Expense:			
Cash Grants			11,839.54

Disability Assistance:

Federal Grant:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Board		50.00	
Administrative Exp.: Stationery and Supplies	\$ 246.25		

Travel and Mileage	88.59		
Telephone	133.65	468.49	

Relief Expense:			
Cash Grants		8,587.91	9,106.40

\$ 377,123.01

Infirmary:

Salaries and Wages:			
Superintendent and Matron		3,400.00	

Other Expenses:

Groceries and Provisions	\$ 4,244.97		
Household Furniture, Dry Goods and Clothing	680.55		
Janitor's Supplies and Building Repairs ..	368.18		
Water, Fuel and Lights	1,539.18		
Hospital and Medical Care	1,315.76		
Telephone and All Other	349.09	8,497.73	11,897.73

Veteran Benefits:

General Administration:

Salaries and Wages:			
Veterans' Agent		1,400.00	

Other Expenses:

Office Expenses, Travel, etc.		661.40	
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Relief Expenses:

Cash Grants	\$ 38,339.27		
Fuel	1,213.76		
Medical	6,316.30		
Hospital and Dental	7,190.04		
Food	5,484.16		
Rent, Clothes, etc.	2,236.38		
Private Institutions	1,521.00	62,300.91	64,362.31

Soldiers' Burials:

Agent's Fee	\$	4.00		
Burials		243.90		247.90
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Maintenance of Veterans' Graves:

Maint. of Graves	\$	485.00		
Material and Supplies		60.13		545.13
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Veteran Services:**Salaries and Wages:**

Supervisor	\$	2,000.00		
Clerk		2,100.00	4,100.00	

Other Expenses:

Printing, Stationery, Supplies and Post.	\$	189.87		
Mileage and Travel		211.87		
Telephone		232.03		
Equip. Maintenance		22.23		
Dues and All Other		93.00		
Furniture		200.00	949.00	5,049.00
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Total of Charities and Veteran Benefits \$ 459,225.08

Schools**General Control:****Salaries and Wages:**

150 Superintendent ..	\$	7,250.00		
156 Supt.'s Clerk		5,500.00		
157 Extra Clerical ..		300.00		
103 School Census		300.00	13,350.00	
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Other Expenses:

160 Supplies	\$	273.10		
180 Printing		300.00		
181 Travel		300.00		
182 Telephone		200.00		
182A Postage, Books, Periodicals, etc.		270.27		
182B Equipment and Maintenance		298.55	1,641.92	14,991.92
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High School:

Instruction Salaries:

220 Principal	\$ 5,984.04	
225 Principal's Clerk	2,650.00	
240 Teachers	110,558.47	
245 Substitute Teach.	1,147.00	120,339.51

Instruction Expense:

250 Text and Reference Books	\$ 3,720.51	
270 Supplies	4,464.78	
660 Typewriters, Machines, etc.	1,203.00	9,388.29

Other Expenses:

210 Supervision Travel, etc.	\$ 501.57	
235 Printing, Supplies and Postage	199.97	
290 Commencement Expense	200.00	901.54

Operation of Plant:

Salaries and Wages:

501 Janitors	9,100.00
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Other Expenses:

501 Janitors' Supp.	\$ 1,775.37	
520 Fuel	3,000.00	
530 Water	299.82	
540 Gas and Elec.	2,000.00	
565 Telephones	300.00	
580 Drayage	156.80	7,531.99

Maintenance of Plant:

601 Grounds	\$ 150.00	
620 Building	3,630.80	
640 Service Systems	1,924.96	
680 Other Expenses	150.00	5,855.76

Capital Outlay:

930 Bldg. Alterations and Additions	\$ 500.00	
965 New Furnishings	3,345.28	

975 New Equipment	800.00		
985 Other Expenses	190.50	4,835.78	157,952.87

Elementary Schools:

Instruction Salaries:

240 Teachers	\$209,859.12		
245 Substitute Teach.	1,650.00		
245A Teachers' Courses	208.00	211,717.12	

Instruction Expense:

210 Supervision			
Travel	\$ 235.02		
250 Text and Refer- ence Books	3,180.20		
270 Supplies	6,629.43		
660 Instructional Equipment	317.00		
235 Printing	37.03	10,398.68	

Operation of Plant:

Salaries and Wages:

501 Janitors		16,200.00	
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Other Expenses:

510 Janitors' Supp. ..	\$ 1,999.98		
520 Fuel	9,712.45		
530 Water	500.00		
540 Gas and Elec.	2,560.00		
565 Telephones	900.00		
580 Drayage	200.00	15,873.03	

Maintenance of Plant:

601 Grounds	\$ 966.88		
620 Buildings	3,235.30		
640 Service Systems	574.44		
680 Other Expenses	923.40	5,700.02	

Capital Outlay:

930 Bldg. Alterations and Additions	\$ 497.15		
965 New Furnishings	1,141.76		
975 New Equipment	500.00		
985 Other Expenses	50.00	2,188.91	262,077.76

**Elementary Evening
Schools:****Salaries:**

220 Director's	\$	240.00	
240 Teachers		702.00	942.00

Instruction Expense:

210 Supervision			
Travel	\$	25.00	
250 Text and Refer- ence Books		100.00	
270 Supplies		44.99	169.99

Operation of Plant:

520 Fuel	\$	530.50	
540 Gas and Elec.		60.00	590.50

Household Arts:**Instruction Salaries:**

240 Teachers Sal.			5,885.00
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Other Expenses:

210 Supervision			
Travel	\$	47.99	
250 Text and Refer- ence Books		5.20	
270 Supplies		440.71	
660 Instructional Equipment		99.51	593.41

High Evening School:**Salaries:**

240 Teachers			729.00
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Instruction Expense:

250 Textbooks	\$	49.41	
270 Supplies		113.16	162.57

Operation of Plant:

520 Fuel	\$	200.00	
540 Gas and Elec.		100.00	300.00

Industrial Arts:**Instruction Salaries:**

240 Teachers	3,985.00	
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Instruction Expense:

250 Textbooks	\$ 50.00		
270 Supplies	200.00		
660 Maintenance	100.00		
975 New Equipment	100.00	450.00	4,435.00
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Domestic Science:**Instruction Salaries:**

240 Teachers	1,885.00	
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Instruction Expense:

270 Supplies	200.00	2,085.00
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Auxiliary Agencies:**Medical and Nurse
Services:**

402 Physician	\$ 2,149.80	
404 Nurse	3,123.78	
405 Medical Expense	599.00	5,872.58
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Pupils:

401 Attendance	\$ 250.00		
313 Transportation of Pupils	\$ 29,890.88		
360 Tuition Other Pupils	2,714.73	32,855.61	38,728.19
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Visual Aids:

240 Teacher's Sal.	\$ 800.00	
270 Supplies	1,032.09	
660 Maintenance	537.91	
965 Furniture	11.20	2,381.20
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Smith-Hughes Fund:

240 Vocational Classes	1,168.00
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Cole Trade School:

General Control:

Salaries:

220 Sal. of Director	\$	5,784.04	
225 Clerks		2,750.00	
226 Extra Clerical ..		2,750.00	11,284.04
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Expenses:

235 Printing, Sup- plies and Postage	\$	198.10	
565 Telephone		146.90	
210 Supervision Travel		150.84	
210A Instructors Out of Town Travel		17.41	
290 Commencement Expense		175.30	688.55
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Instructors' Salaries:

240 Teachers	\$	47,190.60	
245 Substitute Teach.		27.00	47,217.60
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Instruction Expense:

250 Text and Refer- ence Books	\$	528.79	
270 Supplies		4,188.70	
660 Equipment		7,931.99	12,649.48
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Operation of Plant:

Salaries and Wages:

501 Janitors' Salaries			3,043.76
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Other Expenses:

510 Janitors' Supp.	\$	340.95	
520 Fuel		2,277.77	
530 Water		77.46	
540 Gas and Elec.		1,086.19	
580 Drayage		64.22	3,846.59
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Maintenance of Plant:

601 Grounds	\$	89.97	
620 Buildings		167.77	
640 Service Systems		571.25	
680 Other Expenses		496.00	1,324.99
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Capital Outlay:

930 Alterations and Additions	\$	50.00		
965 New Furnishings		45.85		
975 Instructional Apparatus		885.76		
985 Other Expenses		120.62	1,102.23	81,157.24

Evening Trade Extension:

Instruction Salaries:

225 Clerk	\$	146.25		
240 Teachers		1,464.00	1,610.25	

Instruction Expenses:

250 Books	\$	16.41		
270 Supplies		252.36		
660 Instructional Equipment		100.63	369.40	

Operation of Plant:

540 Gas and Elec.			241.36	2,221.01
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Total Schools \$ 576,570.66

Library

Jacob Edwards

Memorial Library:

Salaries and Wages:

101 Librarian	\$	1,438.37		
103 Assistants		10,122.41		
104 Extra Clerical		28.00		
150-51 Janitors		2,870.00	14,458.78	

Books, Periodicals, etc.:

201 Books	\$	3,011.04		
202 Periodicals		403.60	3,414.64	

Binding:

250 Books			61.86	
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Fuel and Light:

300-301 Fuel	\$	21.85		
302 Light		681.60	703.45	

Building:

350-1-2 Repairs	\$	706.25		
303 Water		10.79		
304-306 All Other		25.08	742.12	

Other Expenses:

402-403 Stationery, Printing, and Adv. \$	394.47			
401 Telephone	128.74	523.21	19,904.06	

Total Schools and Library \$ 596,474.72

Recreation and Unclassified**Recreation:****Parks:**

Labor		500.00		
Playgrounds:				
Instructors	\$2,950.00			
Materials and Supplies	742.63			
Mileage, Travel	16.87			
Labor, Sports, Games, etc.	275.84	3,985.34		

World War Memorial Park:

Labor	\$	197.50		
Water and Elec.		53.64		
Trees and Spraying		17.50		
Materials, Supplies and All Other		217.09		
Flowers and Wreaths		14.00	499.73	

Honor Roll:

Materials and Supplies	\$	156.38		
Maintenance and Repairs		60.00		
Landscaping and All Other		277.31	493.69	

Swimming Pool:

Winter Sports Exp.	\$	72.02		
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Labor	642.38	
Instructors	1,918.50	
Buildings and Grounds	69.73	
Materials and Supp.	643.21	
Water, Fuel and		
Light	30.04	
Red Cross Instruction	156.00	
New Construction	1,999.56	
Special Water Acct.	78.49	5,609.93
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Dresser St. Field:

Labor	\$ 4,999.57	
Telephone	135.47	
Materials and Supp.	756.72	
Fuel, Light and		
Water	541.22	
All Other	514.08	
Maint. & Impr. Acct.,		
Labor, Printing		
and Advert.	391.90	
Office Supplies, Sta-		
tionery and Postage	17.20	
Equipment and		
Maintenance	644.46	
Hot Water Heater	680.00	8,680.62
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Alumni Field:

Labor	\$ 680.63	
Truck Hire	204.00	
Materials and Supp.	446.59	
Equipment and		
Maintenance	8.10	
All Other	47.00	
Labor Exp. Acct.	10.50	
New Construction ..	295.80	1,692.62
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Henry Street Field:

Labor and Salaries \$	998.60	
Materials and Supp.	478.93	
All Other	91.25	
Maintenance and		
Improvement	907.13	2,475.91
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Band Concerts:

Concerts	\$	345.00	
All Other		75.00	420.00
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Unclassified:

Damage to Persons and Property	\$	450.60	
Memorial Day		900.00	
Veterans' Day		600.00	
Printing Town Reports		1,504.60	
Town Clock		45.76	
Non Contribu- tory Pensions		7,565.28	
Insurance of Bldgs.— All Ins.—Workmen's Compensation		20,922.58	31,988.82
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**Southbridge Rent
Control:**

Salary		132.00	
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Total Recreation, Rent Control and Unclassified	\$	56,478.66
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Cemetery**Oak Ridge Cemetery:****Salaries and Wages:**

Superintendent	\$	700.00	
Labor		6,298.36	6,998.36
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Other Expenses:

Gravel, Seed, Fertilizer and Loam \$	274.79	
Light	12.00	
Tools	74.79	
Equip., Repair Trucks	258.14	
Gasoline and Oil	98.63	
All Other	580.62	1,298.97
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**Cemetery Improve-
ment Account:**

New Equipment	\$	480.00	
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Spraying	46.58	
Fence	323.00	
All Other	525.64	1,375.22
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Total Cemetery		\$ 9,672.55

Special Accounts

Adeline St. Sewer:

Contract —	
Ciesla Bros.	1,545.66

State Census:

Salary	\$ 167.49	
Enumerators	535.40	
Clerical Services	167.09	
Mileage, Travel	8.84	
Hotel Expense	13.35	892.17
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Carpenter's Pond Youth Center:

John Ungerer, Treas.	75.00
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Central Street Reconstruction:

Advertising	\$ 11.25	
Contract—Leo Construction Co.	15,334.34	
Tree Removal	244.50	
Landscaping	258.43	15,848.52
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Chestnut St. Reconstruction:

Retaining Wall —		
Benoit Bros.	\$ 464.80	
Labor	233.60	698.40

Civil Defense:

Director's Salary	\$ 100.00	
Supplies, Stationery and Postage	247.86	
All Other	165.01	512.87
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**Cole Trade Metal-
smith Shop:**

Advertising	\$	12.50	
Materials and Supp.		567.18	
Contract—F. X. La- liberte & Sons, Inc.		5,106.05	
Benoit Bros.		51.00	
Southbridge Roofing Co.		263.27	6,000.00
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**Dresser Property Main-
tenance:**

(Main Street)	400.00
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Driver's Education Fund:

Salary	\$	844.54	
Materials and Supp.		156.96	1,001.50
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**1954 Eastford Road Con-
struction—Chapter 90:**

Contract — Leo Con- struction Co.	\$	15,695.82	
Materials and Supp.		215.00	15,910.82
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**Eastford Road School
and West St. School
Repairs:**

Labor	899.95
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Eastford Road Sewer:

Contract — Chas. Chase, Sr.	497.00
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**Federal Housing
Project Appraisal:**

Appraisal — Maurice F. Reidy & Co.	200.00
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Forest Ave. Reconst.:

Labor	\$	1,498.58	
Equipment Rental		582.25	

Materials and Supp.	1,545.62	
Equipment Hire	628.75	
Manhole	33.00	
Benoit Bros.	108.00	4,396.20
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Forest Ave. Sewer:

Contract — Ciesla Bros., Inc.	1,712.25
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Emergency Flood Relief:

Salaries	\$ 36,139.25
Salaries — N. R.	22,122.90
Salaries — Civil Defense Housing	1,649.03
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	\$ 59,911.18

Expense	\$62,207.37
Civil Defense Housing Defense	31,571.54
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	\$ 93,778.91

Total Emergency Sal., Exp. and Civil Defense Housing ..	153,690.09
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Permanent Repairs—Roads, Sidewalks and Bridges:

(Emergency)	
Highway — Salaries \$	13,022.52
Highway — Expense	21,736.21
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Total—Permanent Repairs, Sal. and Exp. (Emergency)	34,758.73
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Globe Village Fire Station—Dis. Veterans:

Fuel	\$ 70.50	
All Other	420.51	491.01
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Green and Field Sts. Sewer:

Construction:

Hogan Realty Co.:	
Green St.	\$ 3,261.61

Field St.	1,093.40	4,355.01
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Hamilton St. Retaining Wall:		
Labor	\$ 218.56	
Material and Supp.	147.93	
Benoit Bros.	528.10	894.59
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High St. Reconst.:		
Advertising	\$ 10.63	
Contract — Ciesla Bros., Inc.	35,677.32	
Remove Trees	118.00	35,805.95
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Infirmary Retaining Wall:		
Labor	\$ 84.00	
Benoit Bros.	616.40	
Material and Supp.	60.45	760.85
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Judith Ave. and Mary Ellen Lane Sewer Reimburse.:		
Louis J. Morin		2,181.50
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Langlois Ave. Sewer Reimbursement:		
George Jodoin		210.02
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Leonide Lemire Post, V. F. W.:		
Rent		900.00
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Moon St. Storm Drain:		
Material and Supp.	\$ 77.53	
Labor	260.45	337.98
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National Guard Acct.:		
Advertising	\$ 6.88	
Goddard St. Rent	660.00	666.88
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Outstanding Bills, 1954:

Veteran Benefits	\$	2,093.60	
Election and Regis.		50.00	
Board of Public Welf.		65.58	2,209.18
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Park Ave. Sewer:

Contract — Ciesla Bros.			879.20
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Park St. Sewer:

Contract —			
Charles Chase, Sr.			536.00

Plympton St. Bridge Repairs:

Labor			199.78
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Roosevelt Drive Sewer

Reimbursement:

Charles Peloquin			1,148.14
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School Building

Improvement Acct.:

Clerical Services	\$	27.19	
Stationery and Supp.		1.40	28.59
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South St. and Newell

Ave. Storm Drain:

Equipment Rental	\$	97.50	
Material and Supp. ..		276.91	374.41
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Town Hall Alterations

and Repairs':

Southbridge Sheet			
Metal Works	\$	315.95	
Material and Supp.		228.94	
Floor Covering—			
Alcide Brousseau		2,882.00	
Joseph Blanchet		21.36	
H. U. Bail		26.95	
H. J. Madore		187.43	
Clean and Paint			
Civil Defense Office—			
Town Hall		84.00	3,746.63
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Vot. Prec. Acct.:

Labor	71.00
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**Vinton and Brookside Rd.
Boring Tests:**

American Drilling Co.	227.26
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**Mary E. Wells High
School Toilet Accommo.:**

Advertising	\$ 11.25	
Tasse, Inc.	8,299.88	
Labor	152.45	
Material and Suup.	478.65	
Drawing Specs.	175.00	9,117.23

Total Special Projects	\$ 304,180.37
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Interest and Maturing Debt**Interest:****Temporary Loans:**

Anticipation of Revenue	2,167.94
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General Loans:

Eastford Road and West St. Schools \$	180.00		
Northern District Ele- mentary School	280.00	460.00	2,627.94

Municipal Indebtedness:**Temporary Loans:**

Anticipation of Revenue		575,000.00	
No. Dist. Elem. Sch. \$	4,000.00		
Eastford Rd. and West St. Schools ..	6,000.00	10,000.00	585,000.00

Total Interest and Maturing Debt	\$ 587,627.94
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Agency, Trust and Investment**Agency:**

State Auditing Tax \$	1,336.17	
State Examination of Retirement System	48.74	
State Parks and Res- ervation Tax	2,664.00	4,048.91

County Tax	\$ 53,249.64	
County T.B. Hospital Tax	33,115.48	
Dog Tax Fees Paid to County	1,849.00	
School Lunch Prog.	36,289.14	
School Athletic Fund ..	9,522.32	
Fed. Withhold. Tax ..	106,937.29	
Blue Cross	9,136.35	250,099.22

Trust and Investment:

Ella Cole Fund	\$ 87.29	
Mabel Murphy Fund ..	64.00	
Mary Mynott Fund ..	47.80	
Adah Stedman Fund ..	18.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	1,010.00	
U. S. War Bonds—Post War Rehabilitation	3,375.00	
Pension Fund	22,529.00	27,131.09

Total Agency, Trust and Investment \$ 281,279.22

Refunds

Refunds:

Taxes and Demands \$	10,632.87
Motor Vehicle Excise ..	2,808.54
Rents — Trailer	
Deposits	798.60
Plans and Bids	5,885.00
Garbage Deposit	600.00
Town Report Deposit ..	100.00
Ambulance	20.00
Federal Tax	6.40
Blue Cross	20.40

Total Refunds \$ 20,871.81

Total Payments for 1955	\$2,812,173.60
Cash on Hand December 31, 1955	190,935.06
	<u>\$3,003,108.66</u>

Aid to Dependent Children (State)	5,468.17	and Graves	1,390.00
Old Age Assistance (Cities and Towns)	223.62	Road Machinery Rental Fund	1,598.83
Veteran Benefits (State)	16,257.41	Tailings	431.21
Schools	2,516.50		
Municipal Athletic Field	158.42	Overestimates—1955:	
Cemetery	210.00	State Parks and Reservation Tax	\$ 364.48
Aid to Highway:		County T. B. Hospital Maintenance Tax	7,754.31
State	\$ 21,200.00		
County	11,200.00		8,118.79
		Federal Grants:	
Underestimates 1955:		Aid to Dependent Children:	
County Tax	5,684.64	Administration	\$ 983.95
Overlays:		Aid	2,972.99
Levy of 1955 (Due to Flood Abatements)	8,856.24	Old Age Assistance:	
Levy of 1952	169.47	Administration	6,178.20
Overdrawn Accounts:		Aid	3,855.00
1955 Chapter 90—Maintenance	2,400.00	Disability Assistance:	
Emergency Flood Relief	127,089.50	Administration	398.38
Permanent Repairs—Roads, Sidewalks and Bridges	34,758.73	Aid	1,180.37
			15,568.89
		Appropriation Balances:	
		Planning Board	\$ 242.81
		Board of Appeals	204.60
		By-Laws Revision	234.26
		New Addition for Ambulance Garage	4,920.18
		Sewer—Repair Manhole Covers	300.00
		Swimming Pool — Special Water Account	136.10

Alumni Field—New Construc.	404.20
Two Softball Diamonds	460.18
Airport Maint. Account	1,719.28
Cemetery Improvement Acct.	
Brookside Road Bridge	12,500.00
Construction	100.00
Cady Brook Land Damage Acct.	
William E. Earls Property	80.00
on Chapin Street	454.53
Chestnut Street Construction	10,000.00
Cohasse Brook Channel Improve.	
1955—Chapter 90 Construction—	
Eastford Road	10,000.00
Eastford Road School Sidewalk	179.21
Forest Avenue Reconstruction	1,603.80
Foster Street Parking Lot Repairs	526.22
Guelphwood Rd. Guard Rail	500.00
Morris Street Extension	167.18
National Guard Account	1,083.12
Nuisance Brook Culvert	983.70
Quinebaug River Land Dam-	
age Account	100.00
Repair Dam at 2nd Reservoir	544.80
School Building Improvement	
Account	4,767.61
Stone Wall Between World War	
Memorial I and Fire Station	500.00
Swimming Pool—Litchfield	
Avenue Drain	1,000.00

Town Hall Alterations and Repairs	2,171.60	
Vinton Street Bridge Reconstruc.	12,500.00	
Voting Precinct Account	174.00	
Mary E. Wells School		
Toilet Accommodations	882.77	69,440.15
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Sewer Assessment Reserve		1,577.54
Overlay Surplus		11,101.94
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1954	\$ 2,201.28	
Levy of 1953	335.42	2,536.70
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Old Age Assistance Recoveries		4,046.86
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax		
Revenue	\$ 11,068.56	
Sewer Assessment Revenue	4,894.94	
Tax Title Revenue and		
Tax Possessions	3,156.15	
Departmental Revenue	30,290.41	
Highway Aid Revenue	32,400.00	81,810.06
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Excess and Deficiency		109,106.74
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		\$490,704.89
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SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES

Apprpr.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance To Var. Accounts	Balance Forw'd To 1956	O'Drawn Accounts 12/31/55
General Government:								
Moderator—Salary	60.00	60.00	60.00		60.00			
Moderator—Expense	12.00	12.00	12.00		12.00			
Finance Committee	100.00	100.00	25.00		25.00	75.00		
Selectmen—Salaries	3,750.00							
By Excess and Deficiency		3,850.00	3,849.96		3,849.96	.04		
Selectmen—Expense	1,000.00							
By New Equipm.								
Rd. Mach. Maint.	14.38	1,014.38	889.65		889.65	124.73		
Garbage Collection								
By Board of Health—								
Garbage Collection	6,753.00	6,753.00	5,600.00		5,600.00	1,153.00		
Accountant—Salaries		6,035.00	5,929.10		5,929.10	105.90		
Accountant—Expense	500.00	500.00	495.36		495.36	4.64		
Treasurer—Salaries	5,700.00							
By Refund	.60	5,700.60	5,700.60		5,700.60			
Treasurer—Expense	1,700.00							
By Refund	10.00	1,710.00	1,698.77		1,698.77	11.23		
Town Collector—Salaries	6,950.00							
By Excess and Deficiency		7,450.00	7,441.51		7,441.51	8.49		
Town Collector—Expense	2,514.00							
By Refund	5.00	2,519.00	2,448.09		2,448.09	70.91		
Assessors—Salaries	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00		7,500.00			
Assessors—Expense	1,200.00							
By Refund	5.20	1,205.20	1,171.38		1,171.38			
To Assessors—Travel				25.00	1,196.38	8.82		
Assessors—Travel	375.00							
By Assessors—Other Exp.		400.00	395.09		395.09	4.91		
Town Clerk—Salaries	7,331.00	7,331.00	7,302.79		7,302.79			
To Town Clerk—Expense				14.26	7,317.05	13.95		

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

	Apprpr.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance To Var. Accounts	Balance Forw'd To 1956	O'Drawn Accounts 12/31/55
Police—Officers' Equipm.	350.00		350.00	349.69		349.69	.31		
Police—Emergency Plant	1,000.00		1,000.00	999.38		999.38	.62		
Police—Expense	9,200.00								
By Refund		97.38	9,297.38	9,005.97		9,005.97	291.41		
Police—Park. Meter Div.—									
Salaries	10,800.00		10,800.00	10,733.50		10,733.50	66.50		
Police—Park. Meter Div.—									
Expense	2,700.00								
By Park. Meter Fund		250.00	2,950.00	2,941.58		2,941.58	8.42		
Police—New Pol. Cruiser	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00			
Fire—Salaries	88,500.00		88,500.00	88,500.00		88,500.00			
Fire—50 Gal. Liquid Foam	250.00		250.00	250.00		250.00			
Fire—New Addition for									
Ambulance Garage	5,000.00		5,000.00	79.82		79.82		4,920.18	
Fire—Out of State Travel	150.00		150.00	42.09		42.09	107.91		
Fire—New Underground Cables									
and Fire Alarm Boxes	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,936.59		2,936.59	63.41		
Hydrants	22,100.00		22,100.00	21,255.00		21,255.00	845.00		
Forest Fire—Salaries	200.00		200.00	200.00		200.00			
Forest Fire—Expense	1,620.00								
By Refund		1.75	1,621.75	1,596.64		1,596.64	25.11		
Ambulance—Expense	1,431.00								
By Exc. & Deficiency		140.00							
By Fire Dept. Exp.		150.00							
By Refund		24.74	1,745.74	1,717.00		1,717.00	28.74		
Sealer of Wts. & Meas.—									
Salary	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,600.00		1,600.00			
Sealer of Wts. & Meas.—									
Expense	400.00		400.00	389.58		389.58	10.42		
Tree Warden	2,200.00		2,200.00	2,199.91		2,199.91	.09		

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

	Apprpr.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance To Var. Accounts	Balance Forw'd To 1956	O'Drawn Accounts 12/31/55
Total of Health and Sanitation	34,750.00	439.20	35,189.20	26,063.82	6,953.00	33,016.82	1,872.38	300.00	
Highways:									
Highway—Salary	4,300.00		4,300.00	4,300.00		4,300.00			
Highway—Labor	43,837.00								
By Emergency Flood Relief Fund		2,095.95	45,932.95	41,893.08	4,000.00	45,893.08	39.87		
To Rd. Mach. Main.									
Highway—Expense	10,000.00	10.00	10,010.00	10,003.54		10,003.54	6.46		
By Refund									
Highway—Oil and Sand for Roads	10,000.00		10,000.00	5,662.31		5,662.31	4,337.69		
Road Mach. Maintenance	10,000.00								
By Refund		650.00							
By Highway—Labor		4,000.00	14,650.00	14,089.02		14,089.02	560.98		
Highway—New Equipment									
Road Machinery	12,226.00		12,226.00	12,057.38		12,057.38	168.62		
1955 Chap. 90 Rd. Maint.	1,200.00		1,200.00	3,600.00		3,600.00			2,400.00
1954 Chap. 90 Rd. Maint.		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00			
Town Dump—Salary	2,160.00								
By Excess & Defic.		540.00	2,700.00	2,700.00		2,700.00			
Town Dump Rodent Control	900.00		900.00	900.00		900.00			
Rubbish Collection	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,499.99		3,499.99	.01		
Snow and Ice Account	7,000.00		7,000.00	6,756.93		6,756.93	243.07		
Total Highways	105,123.00	8,295.95	113,418.95	106,462.25	4,000.00	110,462.25	5,356.70		2,400.00

Charities and Veteran Benefits:

General Relief (Public Welfare)—Salaries To Old Age Assistance—Salaries	12,940.00	10,171.85	2,741.14	12,912.99	27.01
General Relief—Exp. By Refunds	50,000.00				
Disability Asst.—Exp. By Refund	11,700.00	94.30	48,068.77	48,068.77	2,025.53
Aid to Dependent Child.—Expense		34.70			
By Fed. Grant—Exp.		104.84	11,839.54	11,839.54	
By A.D.C. Fed. Gr.—Exp.	28,500.00				
Old Age Assistance—Sal.		1,938.25	29,913.10	29,913.10	525.15
Old Age Asst.—Expense	108,000.00	2,741.14	2,741.14	2,741.14	
By Excess and Defic.					
By Refunds		20,000.00			
Aid to Dependent Child.—Fed. Gr.—Sal. & Adm.		776.25	128,180.06	128,180.06	596.19
Balance 1/1/55		620.01			
From Comm. of Mass.		1,832.50	1,364.33		
To Fed. Gr., Dis. Asst. Adm.			104.23	1,468.56	983.95
A.D.C. Fed. Gr.—Expense					
Balance 1/1/55		3,035.85			
By Refunds		93.00			
From Comm. of Mass.		21,955.44	20,173.05		
To A.D.C. Expense			1,938.25	22,111.30	2,972.99
O.A.A., Fed. Gr.—Sal. and Adm.					
Balance 1/1/55		4,497.23			
By Refund		3.00			
From Comm. of Mass.		8,447.92	6,769.95	6,769.95	6,178.20
O.A.A. Fed. Gr. Expense					
Balance 1/1/55		6,979.20			
By Refunds		547.35			
From Comm. of Mass.		105,123.21	108,794.82	108,794.82	3,855.00
Disability Assistance, Fed. Gr.—					

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

Appropriation	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance To Var. Accounts	Balance Forw'd To 1956	O'Drawn Accounts 12/31/55
Salary and Administration—								
Balance 1/1/55	237.18							
By A.D.C. Fed. Gr. Adm.	104.23							
From Comm. of Mass.	575.46	916.87	518.49		518.49		398.38	
Disability Asst., Fed. Gr.—								
Expense								
Balance 1/1/55	1,727.38							
From Comm. of Mass.	8,145.74	9,873.12	8,587.91					
To Disab. Asst. Expense				104.84			1,180.37	
Infirmary—Salaries	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,400.00		8,692.75			
Infirmary—Expense	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,497.73		3,400.00	2.27		
Veteran Benefits—Sal.	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00		8,497.73			
Veteran Benefits—Exp.	42,000.00				1,400.00			
By Excess and Defic.								
By Refund	20,000.00							
Veteran Services—Sal.	962.85	62,962.85	62,962.31		62,962.31	.54		
Veteran Services—Exp.		4,100.00	4,100.00		4,100.00			
By Vet. Serv.—Office Equip.	200.00	950.00	949.00		949.00	1.00		
Vet. Serv.—New Off. Equip.		200.00						
To Vet. Serv.—Exp.		400.00	247.90	200.00	200.00	152.10		
Soldiers' Burials					247.90			
Burial Allowance to								
Veterans' Organizations	100.00	100.00				100.00		
Maint. of Vet. Graves	550.00	550.00	545.13		545.13	4.87		
Total Charities and Veterans' Benefits	210,777.09	483,317.09	459,225.08	5,088.46	464,313.54	3,434.66	15,568.89	
Schools and Library: Schools—Salaries	272,540.00							
	459,940.00							

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

Appropriation	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance To Var. Accounts	Balance Forw'd To 1956	O'Drawn Accounts 12/31/55
Swimming Pool—Special Water Account	214.59	214.59	78.49		78.49		136.10	
Dresser Field—Salaries	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,999.57		4,999.57	.43		
Dresser Field—Maint. and Improvement	3,000.00							
By Refund								
Dresser Field—Hot Water Heater	2.25	3,002.25	3,001.05		3,001.05	1.20		
Alumni Field—Sal.		700.00	680.00		680.00	20.00		
Alumni Field—Expense		800.00	680.63		680.63	119.37		
Alumni Field—Two		800.00	716.19		716.19	83.81		
Softball Diamonds		700.00	295.80		295.80		404.20	
Henry St. Field—Sal.		1,000.00	998.60		998.60	1.40		
Henry St. Field—Expense		575.00	570.18		570.18	4.82		
Henry St. Field—Maintenance and Improvement		1,000.00	907.13					
To Carpenter's Pond Youth Center				75.00	982.13	17.87		
Airport Maint. Account Balance 1/1/55	460.18	460.18						
Dam. to Persons & Prop.		2,500.00	450.60		450.60	2,049.40		460.18
Memorial Day		900.00	900.00		900.00			
Veterans' Day		600.00	600.00		600.00			
Annual Reports		1,800.00	1,504.60		1,504.60	295.40		
Non Contributory Pensions		8,000.00	7,565.28		7,565.28	434.72		
Insurance								
By Refund	16.64							
By Excess & Deficiency	1,398.90	21,452.54	20,922.58		20,922.58	529.96		
Town Clock		50.00	45.76		45.76	4.24		
Pension Accum. Fund		22,529.00	22,529.00		22,529.00			

Southbridge Rent Control	200.00			200.00	132.00	68.00	
Total of Recreation and Unclassified	83,030.59	1,982.97	85,013.56	279,007.66	180.00	79,187.66	1,000.48
Cemetery:							
Cemetery Expense	5,250.00						
From Dividends		3,055.20	8,305.20	8,297.33		8,297.33	7.87
Cemetery Improve. Acct.		1,519.50					
Balance 1/1/55							
By Sale of Lots and Graves Fund		1,575.00	3,094.50	1,375.22		1,375.22	1,719.28
Total Cemetery	5,250.00	6,149.70	11,399.70	9,672.55		9,672.55	1,719.28

Special Accounts:							
Adeline and Hillcrest Ave.							
Sanitary Sewer Construction							
By Sewer Assessment		1,870.00	1,870.00	1,545.66		1,545.66	324.34
Reserve Account							
Brookside Road Bridge							
Reconstruction	12,500.00		12,500.00				12,500.00
Carpenter's Pond Youth Ctr.							
By Henry St. Fld., Maint.		75.00	75.00	75.00		75.00	
and Improvement							
New State Census of 1955 Acct.							
Balance 1/1/55		1,500.00	1,500.00	892.17		892.17	607.83
Cady Brook Land Dam. Acct.							
By Excess & Defic.		100.00	100.00				100.00
Central St. Constr.	18,000.00		18,000.00	15,848.52			
To High St. Reconstr.					2,000.00	17,848.52	151.48
Wm. E. Earls Property							
On Chapin St.	80.00		80.00				80.00
Chestnut St. Reconstr.							
Balance 1/1/55		1,152.93	1,152.93	698.40		698.40	454.53
Civil Defense	200.00						

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

Appopr.	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance To Var. Accounts	Balance Forw'd To 1956	O'Drawn Accounts 12/31/55
Balance 1/1/55	312.20							
By Refund	.67	512.87	512.87		512.87			
Cohasse Brook Channel Improvement		10,000.00					10,000.00	
Dresser Prop. Maintenance (Main Street)		400.00	400.00		400.00			
Driver Education Prog.		1,000.00						
By Refund	1.50	1,001.50	1,001.50		1,001.50			
1955 Chap. 90 Constr.— Eastford Road		10,000.00					10,000.00	
1954 Chap. 90 Constr.— Eastford Rd.—Cont. #15434								
Balance 1/1/55	930.52							
By Highway Aid Rev.	15,276.60	16,207.12	15,910.82		15,910.82	296.30		
Eastford Road Sanitary Sewer Construction		615.00	497.00		497.00	118.00		
Eastford Road Sch. Sidewalk								
Balance 1/1/55	179.21	179.21					179.21	
Eastford Rd. School and West St. Sch. Repairs								
Balance 1/1/55	900.00	900.00	899.95		899.95	.05		
Enlarging the Metalsmith Shop at Cole Trade High Sch.								
Balance 1/1/55	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00		6,000.00			
Fed. Hous. Proj. Apprais. By Excess & Defic.		350.00	200.00		200.00	150.00		
Emerg. Flood Relief Fund By Refunds	573.76							
From Treasury of U. S.	28,671.04	29,244.80	127,089.50		127,089.50			97,844.70

Permanent Repairs—Roads, Sidewalks & Bridges (Emergency)					1,603.80	34,758.73	34,758.73
Forest Ave. Reconstr.	6,000.00			6,000.00		4,396.20	
Forest Ave. Sanitary							
Sewer Construction	2,200.00			2,200.00		1,712.25	487.75
Mary Ellen Lane and Judith Ave. Sew. Reimb.							
By Sew. Assess. Reserve	2,181.50			2,181.50		2,181.50	
Foster St. Parking Lots Rep.							
Balance 1/1/55		526.22		526.22			526.22
Globe Village Fire Sta.—Disabled Veterans	500.00			500.00		491.01	8.99
Guelphwood Rd. Guard Rail	500.00			500.00			500.00
Green St. & Field St. Sanitary Sewer Construction							
By Sewer Assess. Res.	4,355.01			4,355.01		4,355.01	
Hamilton St. Ret. Wall	1,000.00			1,000.00		894.59	105.41
High St. Reconstr.	26,500.00						
By Central St. Reconstr.		2,000.00					
By Refund		8,628.70		37,128.70		35,805.95	1,322.75
Hook, Central and Foster Sts. Land Payment							
Balance 1/1/55		203.75		203.75			203.75
Hurricane Carol, No. 1							
Balance 1/1/55		1,129.40		1,129.40			1,129.40
Hurricane Edna, No. 2							
Balance 1/1/55		485.11		485.11			485.11
Town Infirmary Retaining Wall Construction	847.07			847.07		760.85	86.22
Langlois Ave. Sanitary Sewer Reimbursement							
By Sewer Assess. Res.	210.02			210.02		210.02	
Leonide Lemire Post #6055 Lease	900.00			900.00		900.00	
Main St. Storm Drain	338.01			338.01		337.98	.03

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

Appropriation	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance To Var. Accounts	Balance Forw'd To 1956	O'Drawn Accounts 12/31/55
Morris St. Extension								
Balance 1/1/55	167.18	167.18				167.18		
National Guard Account								
By Excess and Defic.	1,750.00	1,750.00	666.88		666.88		1,083.12	
Nuisance Brook Culvert								
Balance 1/1/55	983.70	983.70					983.70	
Outstanding Bills of								
Previous Years								
By Refund	98.00	2,307.18	2,209.18		2,209.18	98.00		
Park Ave. Sanit. Sewer								
Construction								
By Sewer Assess.								
Reserve Account		1,000.00	879.20		879.20	120.80		
Park St. Sanit. Sewer Const.								
By Sewer Asses. Reserve								
Account		550.00	536.00		536.00	14.00		
Plimpton St. Bridge Rep.		200.00	199.78		199.78	.22		
Quinebaug River Land Dam.								
Account		100.00					100.00	
Repair Dam at 2nd Reservoir								
Balance 1/1/55	544.80	544.80					544.80	
Roosevelt Drive Sanitary								
Sewer Construction								
By Sewer Assess. Res.								
By Sewer Assess. Res.	957.71	1,148.14	1,148.14		1,148.14			
School Building Improve-								
ment Account								
Balance 1/1/55	4,796.20	4,796.20	28.59		28.59		4,767.61	
South St. and Newell Ave.								
Intersection Storm Drain								

Construction	400.00			400.00	374.41	25.59	
Stone Wall Between World War Memorial I and Fire Station							
By Exc. & Defic.		500.00		500.00			500.00
Swimming Pool—Litchfield Ave. Drain							
Balance 1/1/55		1,000.00		1,000.00			1,000.00
Town Hall Alterations and Repairs							
Balance 1/1/55		5,918.23		5,918.23	3,746.63		2,171.60
Vinton Street Bridge Reconstruction	5,000.00						
By Overlay Surplus	7,500.00			12,500.00			12,500.00
Vinton and Brookside Sts. Boring Tests	800.00			800.00	227.26	572.74	
Voting Precinct Account		71.00					
By Selectmen Expense		174.00		245.00	71.00		174.00
By Excess & Defic.							
Mary E. Wells High School Toilet Accommodation	10,000.00			10,000.00	9,117.23	882.77	
Total Special Accounts	126,276.22	87,827.43	214,103.65	277,579.78	2,000.00	7,358.71	59,768.59
132,603.43							
Interest and Maturing Debt:							
Int.—Temporary Loans	2,400.00						
By Refund		28.88	2,428.88	2,167.94	2,167.94	260.94	
Int.—Fixed Debt	460.00		460.00	460.00	460.00		
Maturing Debt	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		
Anticipation of Rev. Loan							
Balance 1/1/55		150,000.00					
Issued in 1956		575,000.00	725,000.00	575,000.00	575,000.00		150,000.00
Total Interest and Maturing Debt	12,860.00	725,028.88	737,888.88	587,627.94	587,627.94	260.94	150,000.00

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

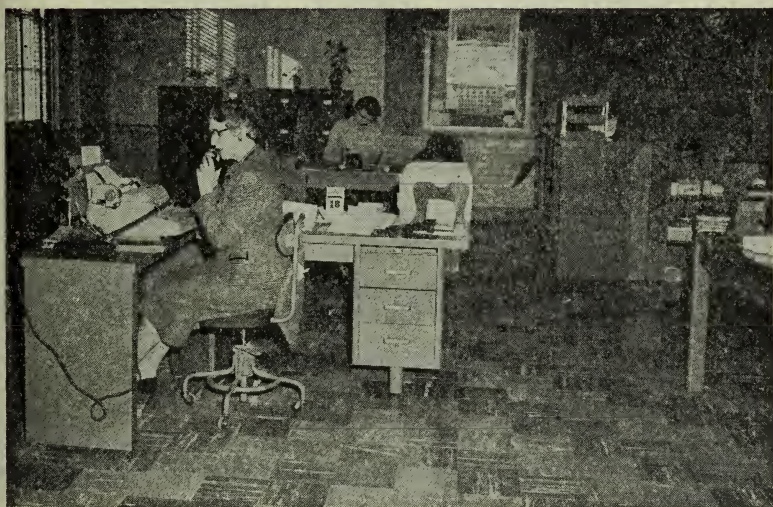
Appropriation	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance To Var. Accounts	Balance Forw'd To 1956	O'Drawn Accounts 12/31/55
Agency, Trust and Investment:								
Federal Tax Deduc.	106,943.69	106,943.69	106,943.69		106,943.69		300.00	
Deposits on Plans and Bids	6,195.00	6,195.00	5,895.00		5,895.00			
Deposit on Printing								
Annual Report	100.00	100.00	100.00		100.00			
Deposits on Garbage Cont.	600.00	600.00	600.00		600.00			
Deposits on CDE Emergency								
Housing (Trailers)	1,470.80	1,470.80	790.00		790.00		680.80	
Electric Light Receipts—								
CDE Housing (Trailers)	324.74	324.74					324.74	
J. J. Angell Fund								
Balance 1/1/55	31.27	31.27					31.27	
Alexis Boyer, Jr., Fund								
Balance 1/1/55	11.29	11.29					11.29	
Ella M. Cole Fund								
Balance 1/1/55	469.71		87.29				473.16	
Fund Income	90.74	560.45						
Mabel Murphy Fund								
Balance 1/1/55	96.97							
Fund Income	60.00	156.97	64.00				92.97	
Mary Mynott Fund								
Balance 1/1/55	21.50							
By Refunds	17.63							
Fund Income	30.00	69.13	47.80				21.33	
Adah Stedman Fund								
Balance 1/1/55	79.96							
Fund Income	30.00	109.96	18.00				91.96	
Smith-Hughes Fund								
From Comm. of Mass.	1,168.00	1,168.00	1,168.00					

Park Meter Fees						
Balance 1/1/55	15,644.42					
Receipts	18,491.74	34,136.16				
To Various Accounts			15,500.00			
To Parking Meter Expense			250.00			
Post War Rehabilitation Fund						18,386.16
Income Invested	3,375.00	3,375.00			15,750.00	
School Athletic Fund	1,000.00					
Balance 1/1/55	3,186.23					
By Refunds	40.19					
Receipts	8,931.70	13,158.12	9,522.32		3,375.00	3,635.80
School Lunch Program						
Balance 1/1/55	1,066.98					
From State	7,023.55					
By Refund	49.75					
Cafeteria Receipts	25,613.64	36,753.92	36,289.14			464.78
Dog Tax County	1,849.00	1,849.00	1,849.00			
Cemetery Perpetual Care						
Bequests	1,010.00	1,010.00				
Deposited			1,010.00			
State Auditing Tax						
By 1955 Revenue	1,336.17	1,336.17	1,336.17			
State Parks and Reservation						
Tax—Balance 1/1/55	13.49					
By 1955 Revenue						
To 1955 Revenue						
State Examination of Retirement System—						
By 1955 Revenue	48.74	48.74	2,664.00	13.49	2,677.49	364.48
County Tax					48.74	
Balance 1/1/55	1,604.09					
By 1955 Revenue	47,565.00					
To 1955 Revenue		49,169.09	53,249.64			
County T. B. Hospital						
Maintenance Tax—						
By 1955 Revenue	40,869.79					
				1,604.09	54,853.73	5,684.64

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES (Continued)

	Apprpr.	Prev. Bal. Refunds	Total Receipts	Payments	Transfer To Other Accounts	Total Expense	Balance To Var. Accounts	Balance Forw'd To 1956	O'Drawn Accounts 12/31/55
Balance 1/1/55		6,397.03	47,266.82	33,115.48					
To 1955 Revenue					6,397.03	39,512.51		7,754.31	
Various Overpayments— Refunds		13,488.21	13,488.21	13,488.21		13,488.21			
Total Agency, Trust Invest- ment and Refunds	4,000.00	318,374.50	322,374.50	271,661.48	23,764.61	295,426.09		32,633.05	5,684.64
Recapitulation:									
General Government	84,400.55	7,949.61	92,350.16	84,794.77	107.13	84,901.90	6,766.59	681.67	
Protection of Persons and Property	281,321.00	1,233.87	282,554.87	274,549.14		274,549.14	3,085.55	4,920.18	
Health and Sanitation	34,750.00	439.20	35,189.20	26,063.82	6,953.00	33,016.82	1,872.38	300.00	
Highway	105,123.00	8,295.95	113,418.95	106,462.25	4,000.00	110,462.25	5,356.70		2,400.00
Charities and Veteran Benefits	272,540.00	210,777.09	483,317.09	459,225.08	5,088.46	464,313.54	3,434.66	15,568.89	
Schools and Library	602,017.00	827.72	602,844.72	595,306.72	25.80	595,332.52	7,512.20		
Recreation and Unclassified	83,030.59	1,982.97	85,013.56	79,007.66	180.00	79,187.66	4,825.42	1,000.48	
Cemeteries and Enterprises	5,250.00	6,149.70	11,399.70	9,672.55		9,672.55	7.87	1,719.28	
Special Accounts	126,276.22	87,827.43	214,103.65	277,579.78	2,000.00	279,579.78	7,358.71	59,768.59	132,603.43
Interest and Maturing Debt	12,860.00	725,028.88	737,888.88	587,627.94		587,627.94	260.94	150,000.00	
Agency, Trust, Invest- ment and Refunds	4,000.00	318,374.50	322,374.50	271,661.48	23,764.61	295,426.09		32,633.05	5,684.64
	1,611,568.36	1,368,886.92	2,980,455.28	2,771,951.19	42,119.00	2,814,070.19	40,481.02	266,592.14	140,688.07

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
Superintendent of Schools
OF THE



NEW CENTRAL OFFICE — Mary E. Wells High School

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

For the Year Ending December 31, 1955

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

DECEMBER 31, 1955

THE SOUTHBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1955 - 1956

Chairman, Lorenzo Beaupre, 131 Central St.	1957
Vice Chairman, Eugene LeBlanc, 107 Pine St.	1956
Mrs. Frederic Beck, 103 Eastford Rd.	1956
Paul A. Roy, 141 Everett St.	1957
Belmore St. Amant, 11 Edwards St.	1958
Dr. Ralph R. Racicot, 192 Chapin St.	1958

MEETINGS OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P. M. in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Mary E. Wells High School building.

There are no regular meetings in July and August.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Robert L. Fox

Residence: 46 Columbus Avenue Tel. 4-8400

Office: Mary E. Wells High School Tel. 4-3285

SECRETARIES

Margaret R. Connolly, 14 South St. Tel. 4-6513

Mary F. Welch, 12 Woodland St. Tel. 4-3925

The Superintendent's office is open from Monday through Friday, from: 8:30 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Dr. William Langevin, 24 Everett St. Tel. 4-7358

Dr. Adah B. Eccleston, 62 Elm St. Tel. 4-8141

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Lottie A. LeBlanc, 54 Westwood Parkway Tel. 4-3359

SCHOOL CALENDAR — 1956

Winter term, seven weeks	January 3 - February 17
Spring term, seven weeks	February 27 - April 13
Summer term, nine weeks	April 23 - June 22
Fall term, sixteen weeks	September 5 - December 21

NO-SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

The official No-School Announcement for all schools will be given over Stations WESO and WTAG at 7:00 A. M. and 7:45 A. M. There will also be two sets of eight blasts of the fire siren at 6:45 A. M. When it is necessary to make such a decision in the morning, schools will be closed for the entire day.

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1955

Grade	5 - 7		7 - 14		14 - 16		16 - Up		Total	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
1	66	66	29	21					95	87
2	22	26	95	65					117	91
3			108	96					108	96
4			94	107					94	107
5			68	77					68	77
6			73	65	1				74	65
7			82	82	7	2			89	84
8			58	73	22	10			80	83
9			9	21	41	51	4	1	54	73
10					27	46	12	7	39	53
11					8	18	31	43	39	61
12					4	1	32	40	36	41
Ungraded			6	2	5	2			11	4
Trade					48		101		149	
Total	88	92	622	609	163	130	180	91	1053	922
Total Southbridge Public Schools										1975
Total Saint Mary's School										268
Total Notre Dame School										827
Total Ste. Jeanne D'Arc School										247
Grand Total (all pupils attending school in Southbridge)										3317

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Salaries	Appropriations	Expenditures	Reimbursements	Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1955
Other Expenses (Including Transportation, Tuition, Medical Expenses, Textbooks, Supplies, Operation and Maintenance of Plant, Equipment, Capital Outlay, etc.)	\$459,940.00	\$453,551.86		\$ 6,388.14
Contingency				
Playgrounds	116,737.00	116,703.12		33.88
Driver Education	5,000.00	4,909.82		90.18
Federal Lunch Program (Cafeteria)	4,000.00	3,985.34		14.66
Smith Hughes	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Eastford Rd. and West St. Heating pump repairs	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Enlarging the Metalsmith Shop at Cole Trade High School	1,168.00	1,168.00		
State Aid for Schools (Chap. 70 as Amended 1948 Chap. 643)	900.00	899.95		.05
Vocational School, State Grant	6,000.00	6,000.00		
Smith-Hughes U. S. Gov. Fund				
High School Tuition			102,108.07	
Elementary School Tuition			35,148.03	
Vocational School Tuition			1,168.00	
Cole Trade High Evening School Tuition			1,422.00	
Cole Trade High School—Goods Sold			631.91	
Transportation (Charlton)			7,642.21	
Transportation Vocational Pupils			103.30	
			3.00	
			20.20	
			235.68	
TOTALS	\$597,745.00	\$591,218.09	\$148,482.40	\$ 6,526.91

IN BRIEF:

Total Expenditures	\$591,218.09
Total Receipts to Town Treasurer	148,482.40

Net Cost to Town

\$442,735.69

A detailed financial statement will be found in the Town Accountant's report

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FOR 1955

To the School Committee and Citizens
of Southbridge, Massachusetts:

I herewith submit my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Introduction

The past year has been marked by a quickening of interest in education and its problems throughout the nation. Two decades of increasing attention, of expanding costs, and of accumulating problems finally culminated in the White House Conference, which was requested by the President for the purpose of bringing into clearer focus the difficulties which beset our system of learning. There was general agreement that there is a shortage of teachers; that the building of new schools is not keeping pace with the growing enrollment, and that a new source for financial support of public education must be found. These were among the more important conclusions resulting from the conference.

The work of this conference, and that of many others of lesser stature, cannot be effective unless there is public acceptance that the findings are responsible reports of men and women of integrity. If, after all the discussion is over, the skepticism which has characterized the general attitude towards claims of educators remains, little will have been accomplished. We shall watch enrollments increase without enough teacher replacements even for the present force. We shall witness the tendency to hold double sessions grow because there will not be room for single sessions. We shall be faced with greater burdens upon the present tax structure because no strong effort will have been made to find other revenues for the increasing cost of education.

We are, of course, more concerned with the effects these problems have upon the affairs of our own community. Two elementary positions were vacated at the beginning of last summer, and replacements were not found until the closing days of August. People were appointed but found more lucrative positions elsewhere. In one case, there were four appointments. The first appointee accepted and resigned a few days later. The second accepted and resigned the next day. The third did not accept because he did not consider the salary adequate. The position was finally filled, but the question of salary played an important role in this and all other cases where replacements had to be made. This is especially true when it is necessary to seek qualified trade school teachers. There is a shortage of teachers, and towns with salary scales below the average must expect difficulty in interesting people of quality and ability.

In regard to the shortage of school rooms in Southbridge, it need only be said that almost every person who took the

time to investigate, and there were many during the past year, agreed that additions or new buildings are necessary. There was considerable disagreement as to the best solution to the problem, but few felt that the present buildings would house properly all the students four years from now.

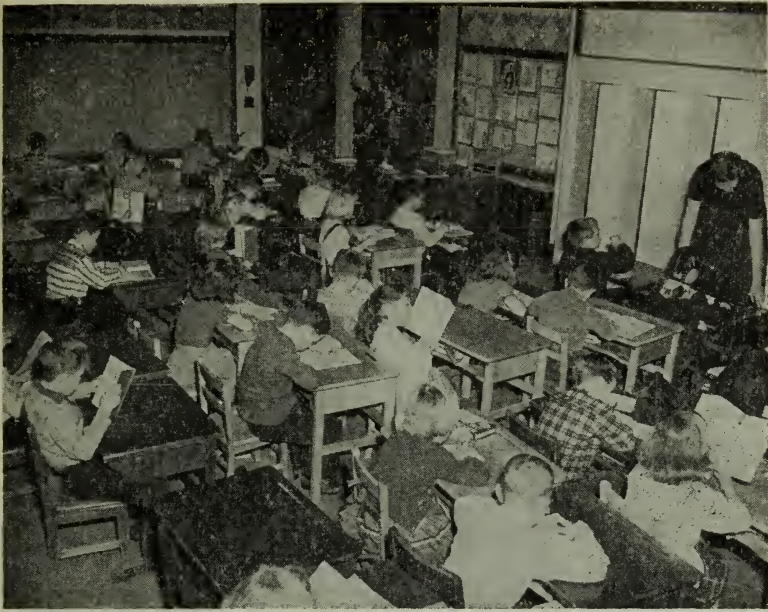
In recapitulation, the lack of enough qualified teachers is beginning to affect Southbridge. The need for more space, which the opening of Tantasqua and the abolishing of the kindergarten helped to alleviate in recent years, will become more acute in the near future. The condition of the present buildings and equipment, the increasing need for more space, the impending additions to the teaching force to absorb increasing enrollments, the absolute necessity to keep abreast of salary increases in other similar communities will all add to the cost of local education in the next decade.

Buildings and Equipment

During the past year, eight rooms in the high school, the auditorium at Pleasant Street, and the stage at Charlton Street were redecorated. The outsides of the windows at Charlton Street and Eastford Road were glazed and painted. A start was made toward the goal of weatherproofing West Street School and Eastford Road School. It has been a common ex-

42 PUPILS — 4th GRADE — West Street School





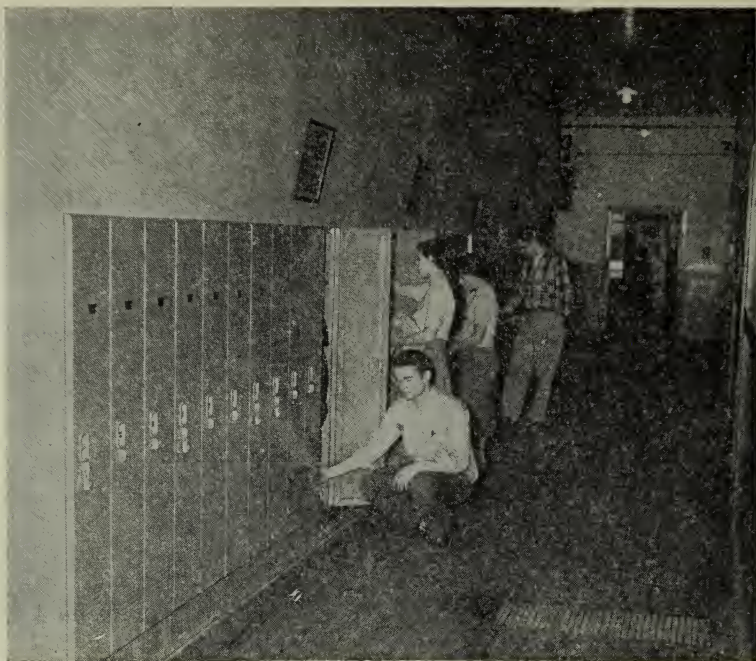
FIRST GRADE — Eastford Road School

perience to find water on the floors in both these buildings after severe rain storms. The boys at Mary E. Wells High School now have the modern rest-room facilities. The spacious new central office for the School Department will be found in the basement of the high school. The addition to the metal shop at Cole Trade High School was completed last Spring.

Four rooms at Mary E. Wells High School, one at Cole Trade High School, one each at Marcy Street School, Charlton Street School, and Eastford Road School have been completely refurnished. The Seniors at the high school have new lockers on the first floor in the corridors near their home rooms.

It is hoped that this project may be brought to completion as soon as possible so that every pupil in the school may have an individual locker thereby allowing use of the basement cloak rooms for storage of materials and supplies.

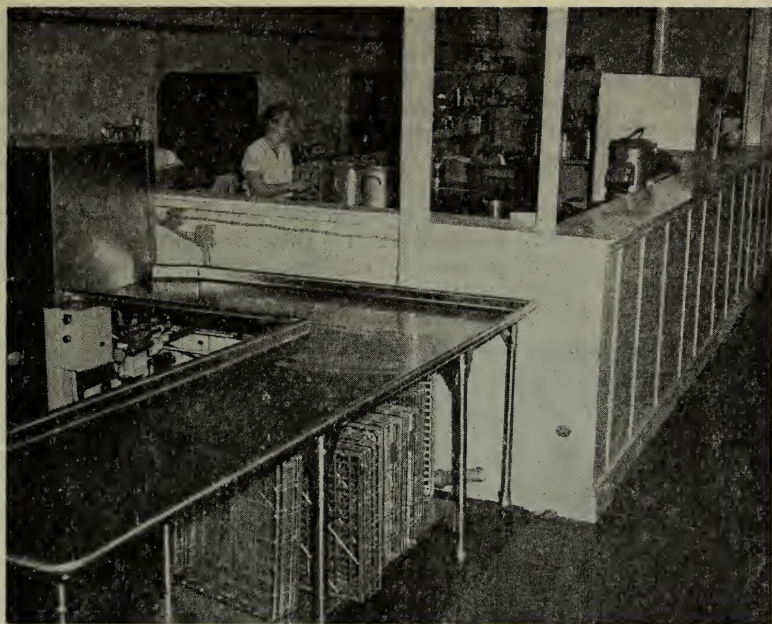
Four new typewriters and one new electric typewriter have been purchased. The cafeteria has a new stove, a new water heater, and an adequate storage room which was badly needed. There is a new curtain on the stage at Eastford Road School, and the public address system at that school has been completely rebuilt.



NEW LOCKERS — Mary E. Wells High School

HARD AT WORK — PRACTICAL ARTS
Mary E. Wells High School





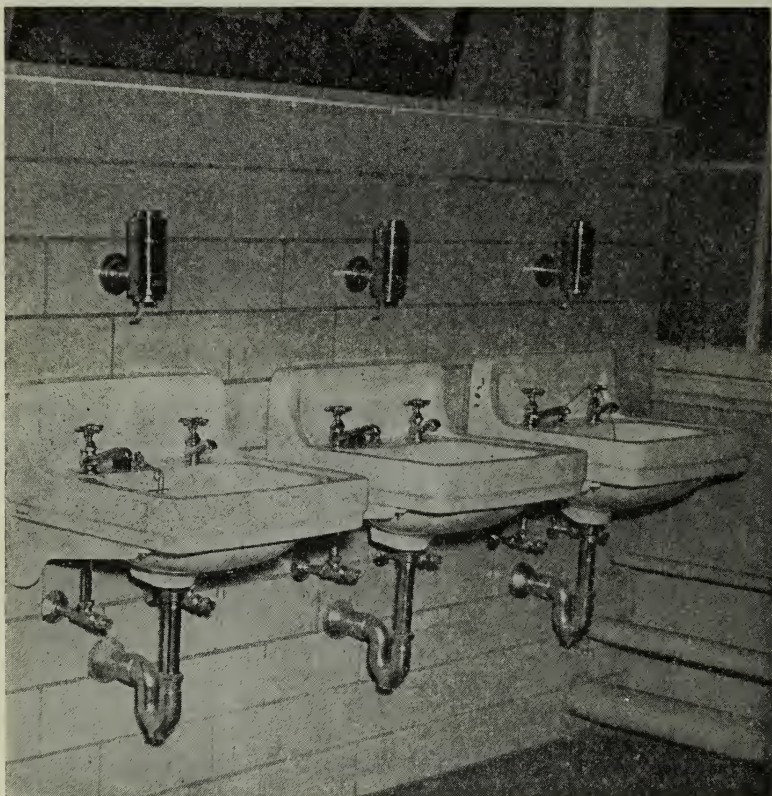
RENOVATED KITCHEN — High School

"HEAR THIS!" — Eastford Road School



Practical Arts

A few years ago, a law was passed by the legislature making it mandatory upon a town in which five or more pupils cannot avail themselves of the advantages accruing from regular classes to institute such instruction as may best suit their needs. In conformance with this decree, we have had two such classes in the high school building since last September. Under excellent teaching, and with fine cooperation from all concerned, these classes have been making acceptable progress. Fifty percent of the total cost of this curriculum is reimbursable by the state.



NEW FACILITY FOR BOYS — Mary E. Wells High School

Curriculum Guide

A new curriculum guide for all the public schools of Southbridge will be available next September. This has been a two-year project and has entailed a large amount of work on the

part of all members of the instructional force. The evaluation which is a necessary part of this study, since a thorough investigation of present curriculum must be made, is a worthwhile phase of the work.

Policies

Since an annual report provides the best medium for reaching a large number of citizens, a review of some of the administrative policies might be a source of clarification.

The established ruling of the Southbridge School Committee in regard to transportation is as follows: A child in any of the first four grades in public or parochial school who lives a mile or more from the school he attends will be transported to and from school, once a day each way. The deciding distance for a student in grades above the fourth is a mile and one half. In many towns, the mile and one half distance applies to all students. Any regular exception to this rule would amount to special privilege and cannot be condoned. It is sometimes brought to our attention that a certain bus is not filled to capacity. Using the capacity of the bus as a determining factor, one bus route might be carrying pupils who live a quarter of a mile nearer school than the limit. If this were done on one route, the parents on other routes would demand the same consideration, and, on routes carrying full loads now, it would be necessary to put on other vehicles. This could be a never-ending procedure. One exception, except for reasons of disability, and there would be no rule.

On stormy mornings, the traffic manager of the transportation company calls the Superintendent at 6:30 A. M. if, in his estimation, travel is too dangerous for navigation. If there is danger in travel, school is called off for the day because large numbers of our pupils come by bus, and many others walk distances which are prohibitive during bad storms. This policy has been instituted as a safety measure and its explanation may be enlightening. School may be called off for the day at 7:00 A. M. and it is possible that two hours later the sun may be shining. The Superintendent makes no pretense that he is a weather prophet, but the decision has to be made in a few minutes and must be final after the proper agencies have been alerted.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

The enrollment for the year 1955-1956, as of October, is divided as follows: Seniors—77, Juniors—100, Sophomores—92, Freshmen—127, Eighth Graders—163, making a total of 559 students.

CLASS OF 1955

Alan Roger Anderson	† Louise Ann Iozzo
* Marilyn Sarah Anderson	Marie Louise Jarry
Edwina Augusto	* Ann Judith Knowles
* Shirley Ann Belanger	Barbara Dorothea Kowaleski
* Patricia Ann Benjamin	† Emily Sylvia Laakso
† Carol Ann Benson	† Mary Elizabeth Lamarine
* Judith Ann Berry	* Beatrice Theresa Laroche
Gerald Bertrand, Jr.	Arline Mary Latour
* Elizabeth Frances Broskey	* Richard Roland LaVallee
† Carol Elizabeth Brown	Carolyn Lenora Leigh
* Peter Bruce Brown	* Robert Theodore L'Heureux
* Ann Louise Butler	* Donald Robert Lippe
James Eugene Campbell	Roger William Lundstrom
* Walter Chace	Adelina Nancy Lynch
Jane Louise Chase	Laurence Gilbert Martel
* Welsey Kraft Cole, Jr.	† Lorraine Doris Giacobbi
Constance Dolores Comeau	Margaret Ruth Giroux
* Evelyn Marie Confalone	William Robert Mason
† Donald Alderic Croke	† Diane Isabel McKinstry
* Antoinette Marguerite Del	Barbara Ann Michaelles
Greco	† Hazel Hope O'Claire
Ramona Benita DiBona-	Daniel Edward Orlowski
ventura	Marilyn Anne O'Shaughnessy
* John Leonard DiFederico	Nancy Frances Perron
* George Raymond Gaudette	* Dorothy Josephine Piasta
Elaine Corinne Gauthier	* Robert Alfred Poirier
Noreen Elizabeth Gauthier	† Margaret Elaine Polakowski
Constance George	Robert John Rischitelli
Celine Therese Cantara	* Dolly Ruth Rutcho
Ralph Richard Caron	Mary Allacoque Ryan
William Roycroft Golden	William Herbert Ryan
* Harold Kenneth Grant	* Beverly Anne Saint Martin
† Estelle Therese Gravel	Carol Marie St. Martin
Edward Joseph Grenke	Theresa Ann St. Martin
John Francis Halley	Paul Joseph Sfredo
† Kathryn Eugenia Hart	Brian Wynne Simpson
Donald Richard Hastings	* Ann Marie Sugda
* Edward William Hoginski	* Sandra Ann Szugda
William Edward Holden	* Dorothy Theodora Thanas
† Shirley May Holmes	Christo Vasil Topi
† Wilfrid Joseph Houde	Ruth Lillian Walker
† Carroll Angela Hughes	Donald Joseph Welch
† Jeanne Demetria Xanthakos	

SPECIAL STUDENT

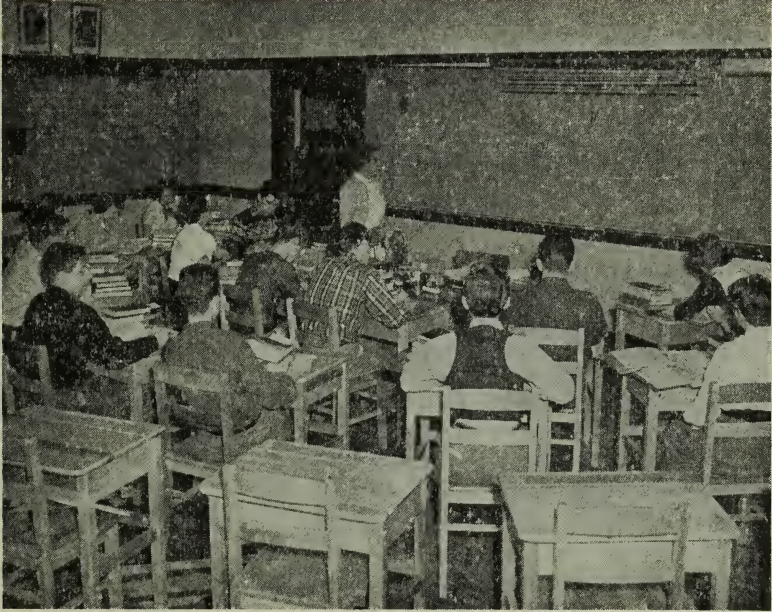
Thomas Wilbur McKay

- * General Average of 80% or above for four years
- † Members of the National Honor Society

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Diplomas are granted upon completion of four different courses; namely: Academic, Commercial, Civic-Social, and Homemaking.

Eighty-four pupils were graduated on June 10, 1955 and their names are included in this report for the information of interested citizens.



NEW FURNITURE — High School

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SCHOOL PLANT

A considerable number of improvements and changes has been made in the school plant. These are listed below:

1. A complete remodeling job of the boys' lavatories was done in such a way that all health requirements are met.
2. Lockers for all seniors have been installed.
3. Four rooms have been furnished with new desks.
4. The painting of the interior of the school was continued, and now many of the rooms on the second floor are completed.
5. A modern teachers' room for men has been installed on the basement floor. The room is equipped with modern facilities.
6. A new gas range has been placed in the cafeteria, and

the rear wall of the cafeteria has been remodeled to afford better ventilation.

7. The teachers' dining room has been redecorated.

8. An office for the Vice-Principal of the School has been set up on the first floor.

9. The Principal's office has new linoleum covered floors.

10. A suite of offices for the Superintendent of Schools and his staff has been installed.

1955 FLOOD SERVICE

The high school building was opened during the flood emergency to offer shelter and food to those people needing these services. The assembly hall, during the early stages of the flood, was a distribution center for clothes. Many teachers, as well as the custodians, volunteered their services.

HOME MAKING

Home Making is a required subject for all girls enrolled in the ninth grade of the high school. Each girl takes two double periods and one single period of this course each week.

The program is not merely a cooking and sewing course, but a training in Home Making designed to teach the fundamentals which contribute to a happy home life and to the many jobs with which a home maker should be familiar.

The work of the department has been made more efficient by the installation of two new sewing tables. These tables are the latest models and each includes two modern sewing machines.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

The Junior Red Cross is a service organization. This group, under the able direction of Miss Luise Corbin, gives cheer and aid to the destitute, the ill, and the unfortunate.

The work of the group with the veterans supplements the tremendous task carried on by local, state, and national patriotic groups.

However, the work of the Junior Red Cross is not confined to local problems. Cognizant of the needs of many of our overseas allies, they have filled chests full of supplies that will take care of a school of forty-eight pupils for a period of one year. Each chest costs one hundred dollars to fill. The Mary E. Wells Chapter of the Junior Red Cross has sent chests to Greece and Korea.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The work of the Guidance Department will be covered in the report of the Guidance Director, Mr. Sven Rosengren.

THE COMMERCIAL COURSE

The commercial program includes: typewriting, bookkeeping, comptometry, filing, office practice and all general business courses. The cooperative program with industry is still in operation. The course takes place in the last semester of the senior year and permits pupils to alternate work weeks with instruction weeks. The girls, four units of them, take places in reliable business institutions and have found this program most beneficial.

The equipment of the Commercial Department is kept at maximum efficiency. This year four more electric typewriters were added to the department.

THE COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSE

The College Preparatory course prepares students for all leading universities and colleges in the country. Many of the pupils receive large scholarships, a tribute to their own industry and a tribute to the excellent instruction of their teachers. Students from this course have entered such leading institutions as Cornell, Connecticut College for Women, Brown University, the College of the Holy Cross, Tufts, Dartmouth, University of Massachusetts, Boston University, University of Michigan, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Clark University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University, Smith College, Mount Holyoke, Wellesley College, Simmons College, Columbia University, University of Connecticut, University of New Hampshire, Williams College, Colorado College, Ohio State University, The College of New Rochelle, California Institute of Technology, Georgia Institute of Technology, Pennsylvania State College, Northeastern University, plus most of the leading business colleges and nursing schools.

THE EIGHTH GRADES

The eighth grades of the school system are still housed in the high school building. This year it has been necessary, because of increased enrollment, to have five eighth grade home rooms. The pupils receive the program opportunities of the high school, and they are eligible for all high school activities, including sports.

STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The Student Council of the Mary E. Wells High School plays an important part between students and administration. This organization is under the direction of Miss Constance Coderre. The values of the organization are manifold.

1. Pupils participate in or manage extra-curricular affairs.
2. Responsibility, initiative, and leadership are developed.
3. Proper student-faculty relations are promoted.
4. Training in worthy citizenship is furnished.
5. The general welfare of the school is promoted.
6. The internal administration of the school is aided.

The Fred E. Corbin Chapter of the National Honor Society, named in honor of the late Mr. Fred E. Corbin, inducted twenty-two members during the past year. The most recent induction was honored by the Principal of Woodstock Academy, Mr. Gregory C. Coffin, who spoke at the ceremonies.

The following young people have been inducted into the society during the past year:

February 1955:

SENIORS

Carol Brown	Kathryn Hart
Lorraine Giacobbi	Louise Iozzo
Diane McKinstry	

JUNIORS

William Bellos	Janet Bumpus
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November 1955:

SENIORS

Kleopatra George	Maureen Israel
Sandra Veshia	

JUNIORS

Barbara Bialy	Pauline Gendreau
Kenneth Blanchard	Ann Guardiani
Raymond Boisvert	William Johnson
Roger Crevier	Carol McKinstry
Judith Cutler	Ada Tieri
Barbara Duclos	Helen Xanthakos

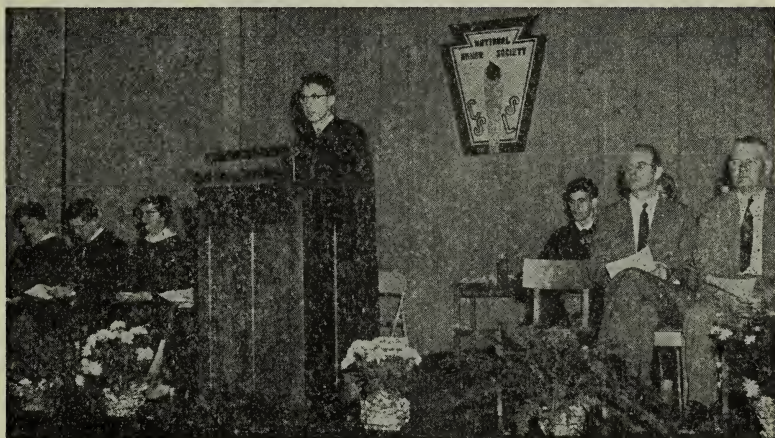
ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are held every other week. These assemblies are of immense value to any student body inasmuch as they are not only educational but explore the various phases of school life. Furthermore, they widen and deepen the interests of the pupils and serve as a means of developing public opinion and appreciation. The types of assemblies fall into many categories, such as are listed below:

1. Education
2. Music

3. Rallies
4. Drama
5. Club Programs
6. Movies
7. Entertainment
8. Honor Society Installation
9. Science
10. Commerce and Business
11. Observance of Special Days
12. Guidance

The assemblies are held in the auditorium of the high school.



HONOR ASSEMBLY

RECOMMENDATIONS

There are several recommendations that I would like to make at this time:

1. That the Town look to the future and purchase land for the erection of a six-year high school. Suitable sites for such a school are being sold and developed for other purposes.
2. That the lavatory facilities for girls be remodeled and modern equipment be installed.
3. That a complete renovation of the Science Laboratory be made. New equipment is needed to keep abreast with the rapid progress of science.
4. That a library be started and a teacher-librarian be appointed.
5. That more lockers be installed until enough are furnished to take care of all pupils' personal belongings, coats, rubbers, etc.

6. That the Industrial Arts program be expanded in order that those pupils who are not interested in a Trade Education may have the benefit from allied courses.

7. That a biology laboratory be installed so that pupils may conduct experiments to increase their interest in the subject.

8. That a survey be made to determine the proper methods of lighting all rooms in the school.

I wish to express my appreciation to the townspeople for their continued efforts in behalf of the Mary E. Wells High School, and I extend my thanks to the School Department for support.



WELCOME FRESHMEN

COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

RAYMOND L. W. BENOIT, *Director*

"An electronic tape runs a boring machine," reports a Minneapolis concern. Ford Motor Company said, "With automation a major training program will have to be set up." The President of General Motors said, "Automation will mean an upgrading of labor." Will automation affect the labor supply at Southbridge? This is problematical but we do know this. The Worcester Trade School accepted some work which will be used on an atom reactor, and before they were able to perform this work, it was necessary for the Shop and Related Teachers to receive special training. All of these facts mean

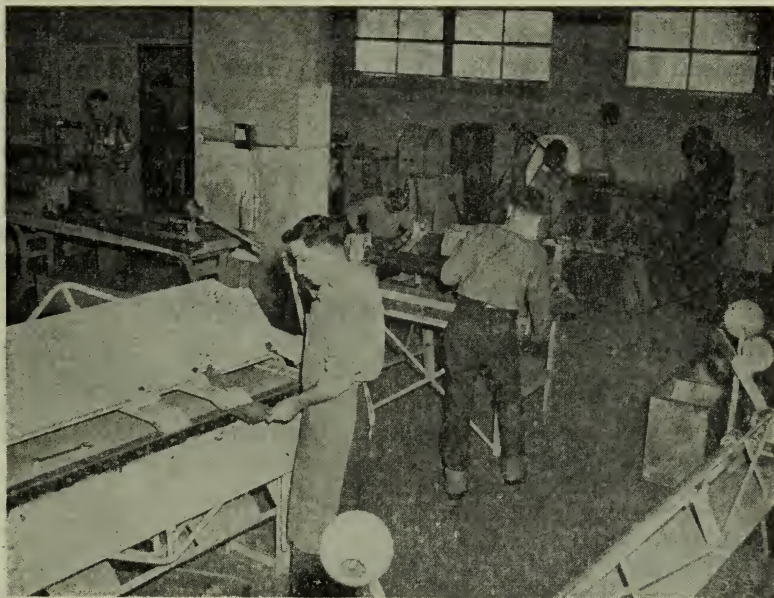
that something must be done about giving our boys a very thorough background in the sciences. In order to provide this training, we will require laboratory facilities.

It appears, at the time of writing this report, that this will be the second consecutive year when we will be unable to absorb those boys who are on the waiting list. This same condition exists in the Evening School.

The addition made to the Metalsmith Department this year has solved a problem which enables us to give the Metalsmith students the proper training.

The hour for Glee Club rehearsal was changed this year to accommodate the program of the Supervisor of Music. We hope that by next year the Supervisor's program will permit the Glee Club to meet the last period.

We are continuing the practice of providing clean towels and soap for the Gym classes.



ADDITION TO METAL SHOP

CLASS OF 1955

CABINET

James J. Helliwell
Donald P. L'Ecuyer

George E. Parent
Robert Wadsworth

DRAFTING

Richard A. Curboy

MACHINE

Ronald L. Allard	Donald G. Hufault
John C. Berry	Leslie B. Martel
Harold A. Chapman	Robert L. Maynard
Gregory E. Costa	George L. Saulnier
Raymond J. DeRouin	Donald R. Sheeran
Richard C. Foster	Alfred T. Stanger

METALSMITH

Roland L. Beaupre	Lucien J. Jolin
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CLASS OFFICERS

President	Donald L'Ecuyer
Vice President	Alfred Stanger
Secretary	James Helliwell
Treasurer	Richard Foster

AWARDS

American Legion Post No. 31 Award (Good Citizenship)	Richard Foster
Director's "C"	Robert Wadsworth
English	James Helliwell
History	James Helliwell
Mathematics	Richard Curboy
Science	Harold Chapman
Readers Digest Award	James Helliwell

EVENING SCHOOL DIVISION

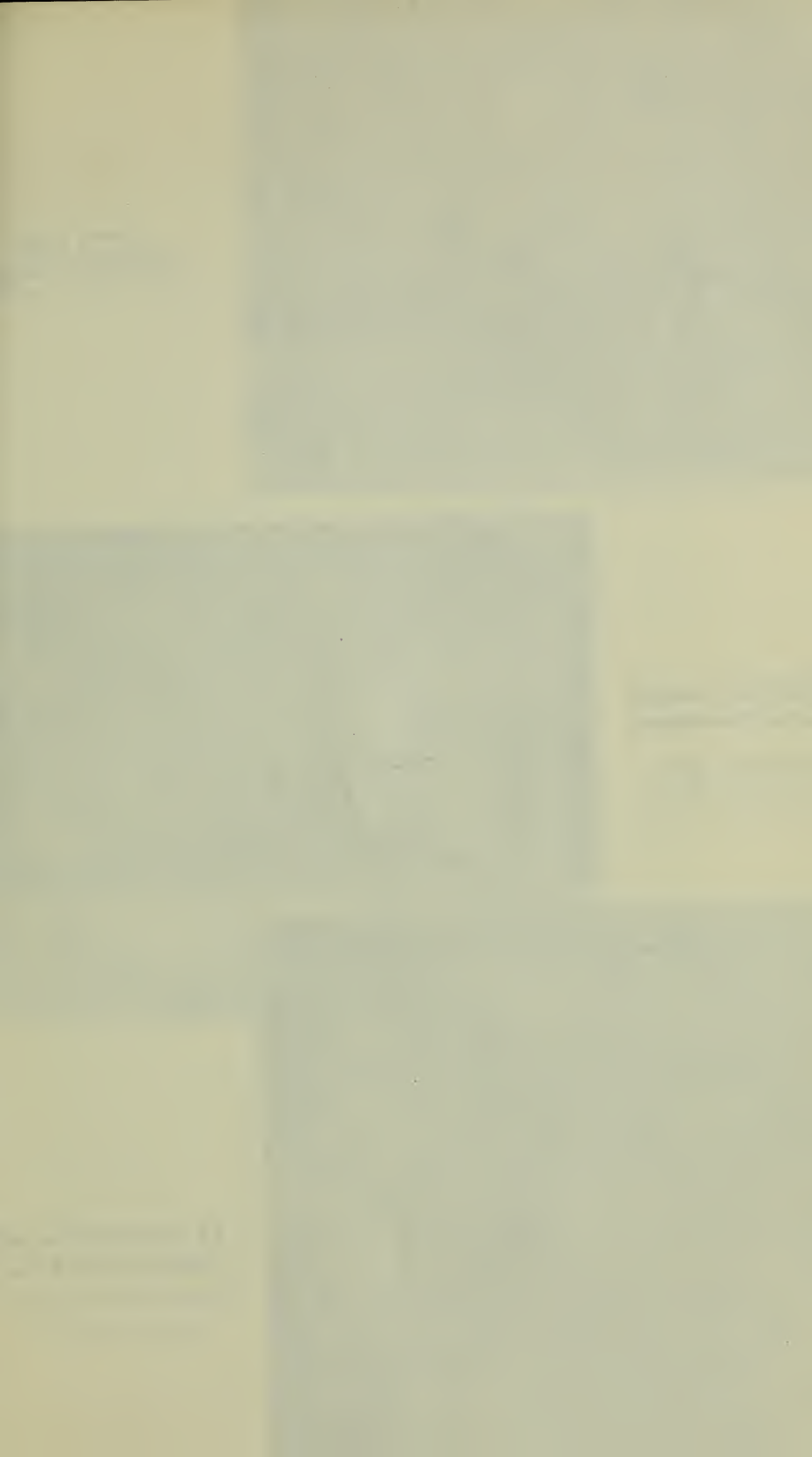
Cabinet—Mr. Frank P. Skinyon	31
Drafting—Mr. John L. Benson	31
Machine—Mr. William B. Paul	32
Soldering-Welding—Mr. George H. Braman	25
Furniture Refinishing—	
Mrs. Margaret B. Baybutt	13
Mr. Stanley A. Naumnik	12
Mr. Antonio Orsini	25
Total	169

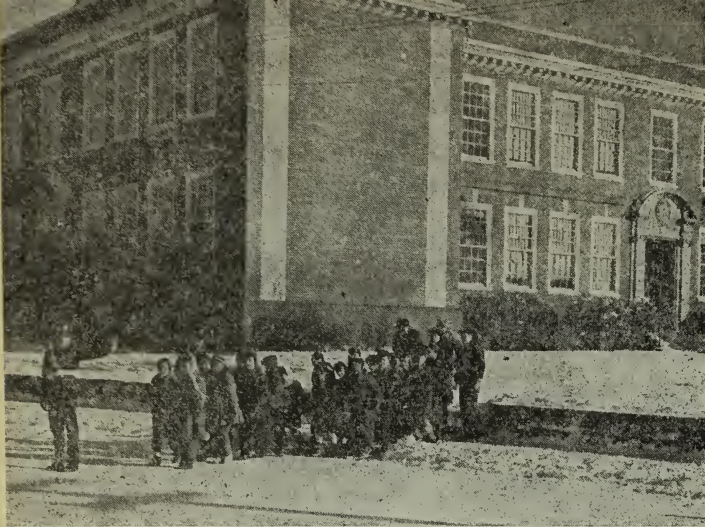
In conclusion, I thank the Townspeople, the School Committee, the Advisory Board, the Superintendent of Schools, the Faculty, the Office Staffs, and our Custodian for their valuable aid in helping to make Vocational Education a success in the Town of Southbridge.

HEALTH REPORT

MRS. LOTTIE A. LEBLANC, R.N., *School Nurse*

Some of the more essential work being done in this department can be better understood from the following statistics:





SAFETY FIRST
Charlton Street School

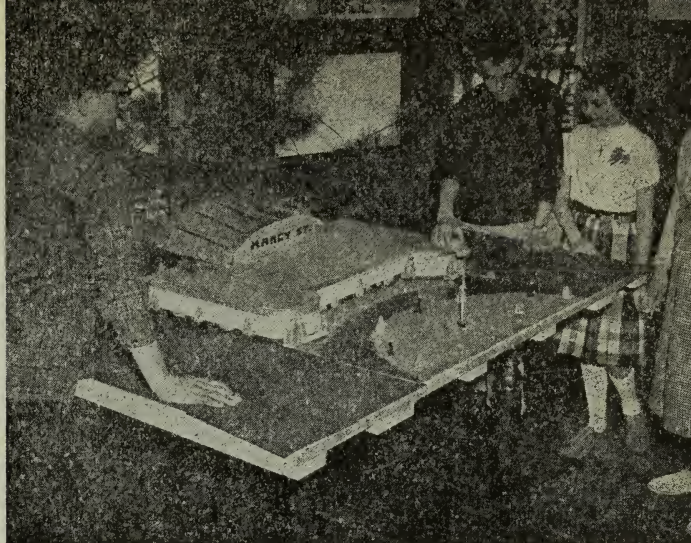


CHRISTMAS ANGELS
Eastford Road School



AN ADVENTURE IN ART
Mechanic Street School

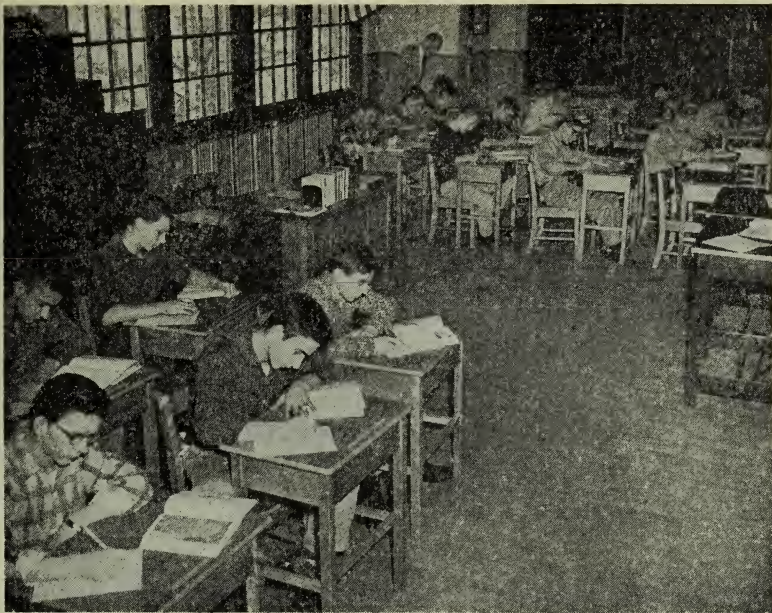
SCHOOL BUILDERS
Marcy Street School



CONCENTRATION
Pleasant Street School

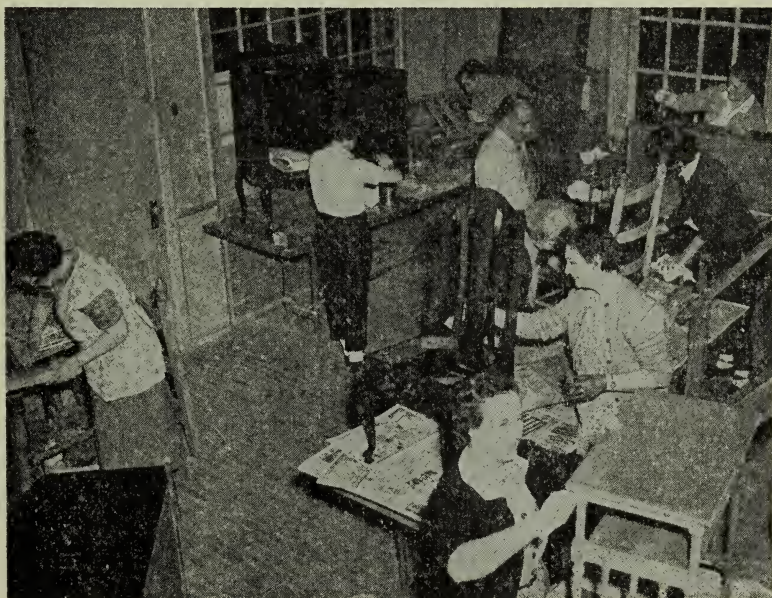


RECREATION AT NOON
West Street School



Cole Trade High School
COMBINATION CLASS AND STUDY HALL

FURNITURE REFINISHING — Cole Trade High School



Physical examinations	581
Visits to schools	305
Vision tests	1508
Hearing tests	2183
Home visits	160
Conferences on health problems	861
Dental Care	290
Innoculations	1229
Pre-School Clinic Registration	315
Donations for milk by Lions' Club	\$800.00
Census of the blind completed	
Census of the physically handicapped completed	
Special class for the mentally retarded given much attention.	

Six home teachers were provided for children unable to go to school. Clear Type Books were obtained from the Massachusetts Division of the Blind for three pupils.

In conclusion, I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the 1955 Health Program.

BAND REPORT

MR. PAUL J. SWEET, *Director*

In reporting on the activities of the instrumental music department for the past year, one phase of the program seems to stand out prominently in regard to the continuing technical advancement of the students.

In the elementary grades, the instructor is able to take



NEW BAND INSTRUMENTS

small groups weekly. In this way, each new problem can be explained in a leisurely manner and a normal progress is noted. Unfortunately, this does not apply when these same students reach their freshman year. No plans, as yet, have been instituted whereby high school students can have this continuing small group instruction and thus continue their musical growth which, in turn, would be reflected in the more advanced grade of music they could perform. It would seem, therefore, that future schedule planning should consider this factor seriously.

When a new high school is built in Southbridge, plans should include a music suite which would include a properly planned rehearsal room for the band, several small rooms to be used for individual and small ensemble practice, storage space for uniforms, and instruments, and a director's office. This suite should be handy to the auditorium stage and also close to the athletic field or a large parking space, said space to be used for outside drilling. The gymnasium should be made available to the band for drilling in case of inclement weather, or for night drill practice.

The next phase of the instrumental program should deal with the problem of equipping the band with the types of instruments that are required to change it from a military marching band for outside work to a symphonic concert band so that it could properly perform concert music.

To this end, a beginning was made this year by the purchase of a set of tympani, a bass clarinet, and an oboe.

There is further need for a set of chimes, concert drums, an additional bass clarinet, an oboe, alto clarinet, two Sousaphones, three French horns, and fifteen new uniforms.

To bring the band up to a proper concert level, an investment of \$5,000 would be required.

A survey has been conducted of the schools of Massachusetts, the results of which show most of them do have the above symphonic instruments, and it is interesting to note that some of these towns, so equipped, are smaller than Southbridge.

In closing, may I point out the net worth of the band stands at a little more than \$5,000 as of this date.

REPORT ON CHORAL MUSIC

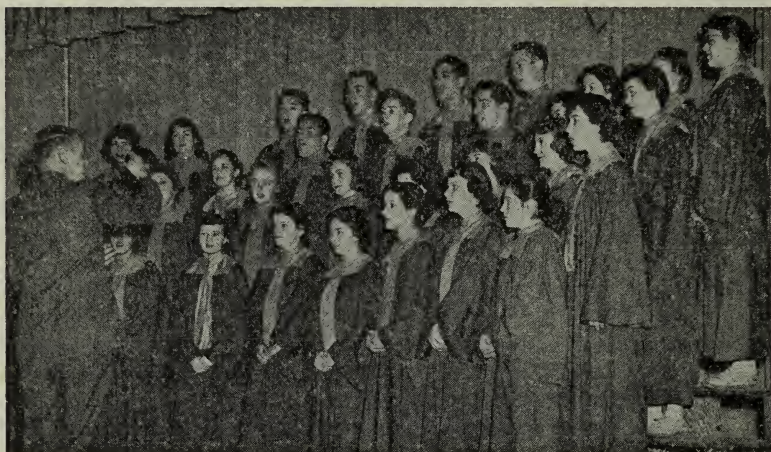
ELLWOOD S. JENNESS, *Director*

The year 1955 saw a continuing growth in the vocal music department of the Southbridge Public Schools. This growth is most easily discernible in the eighth grade and high school groups where the number of students electing chorus has increased from about 150 to nearly 250.

A very successful exchange concert, in cooperation with the high school band, was held with Athol High School in March. The operetta "H. M. S. Pinafore" was presented in

May. The High School Choir, with Donald Croke of the graduating class as baritone soloist, sang the cantata "Ballad for Americans" at the graduation, while the Girls' Glee Club furnished the music for the Baccalaureate Exercises. The Eighth Grade Glee Club, fresh from achieving an outstanding rating at the Central Massachusetts Festival, sang at the elementary school graduation.

In this present school year, the bands and choruses co-



HARMONY — Mechanic Street School

SECTION — MIXED GLEE CLUB



operated to present their first public Christmas program which was very well attended and, artistically, most successful.

Perhaps special mention is merited by the Boys' Glee Club since groups of this type are rather rare at the high school level. The more than fifty Wellsmen were roundly hailed by Worcester County music educators at the Teachers' Convention in November. Numerous other appearances by this group include concerts at Tantasqua High School and at Parents' night at Mary E. Wells.

It is admitted that much room for improvement exists at the elementary school level. Specific needs in this program mentioned in last year's report are still in evidence and the conviction is again advanced that an addition to the teaching staff is necessary in order that the desired ends be achieved.

GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT

SVEN O. ROSENGREN, *Director*

Testing Program

The testing program in the Southbridge Public Schools consists of a planned and continuing activity, including the administration and scoring of tests of scholastic aptitude or intelligence, vocational aptitude, interest and achievement. During the past year, group intelligence tests were administered to grades 1, 4, 7, 9, and 11. Also, in accordance with state law, an intelligence survey was conducted throughout the school system. Where the need was indicated, the Stanford Binet Test was individually administered as described in the law.

Vocational aptitude batteries were administered at grade 8 and grade 11 levels. The battery administered to the grade 8 group included mechanical, clerical, and scholastic aptitude tests, reading achievement tests, arithmetic achievement tests, and tests in language arts. Individual profiles were drawn using the data derived from these tests. Eleventh grade pupils responded to the Boston University Aptitude Test Battery annually administered at that level in the Mary E. Wells and Cole Trade High Schools. Again, individual psychometric profiles were constructed using test battery data.

During the first week of February, the California Achievement Test Battery was administered in all of the elementary school classrooms by the classroom teachers. Subsequent to this testing, a summary of survey data indicated that the average deviation from the national norm for all grades was $+.7$ of one school year.

Counselling

As in the past, the nature of counselling was dependent upon the individual variation in types of problems considered. All eighth grade pupils completed interest questionnaires which were used to supplement aptitude profiles previously described.

Parents were sent invitations to visit the guidance office and to discuss selection of high school programs. Many parents accepted these invitations and participated in a cooperative counselling process.

Data derived from cumulative records, interest and preference inventories, psychometric batteries, and counselling records were used as aids in counselling high school students.

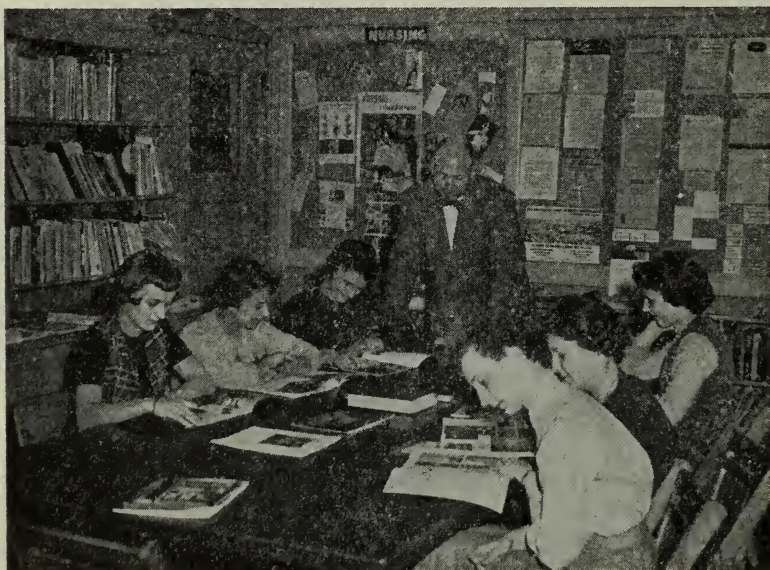
The graduating class of 1955 numbered eighty-two pupils, 42.7% of whom continued on to further education in four-year colleges, junior colleges, business schools and nursing schools.

Employment

As in recent years, part-time employment of pupils outside of school continued high. About seventy-five per cent of the seniors now at the Mary E. Wells High School were employed in some kind of part-time work. Their average income was \$16.80 per week. Forty-eight per cent of the Junior class was also employed in part-time work. However, the numbers of pupils employed in the Sophomore and Freshman classes were substantially smaller because of labor laws and age requirements.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that a Dean of Girls be appointed in the Mary E. Wells High School to assist in the counselling program.
2. Diagnostic reading tests indicate that, as a group, the



KEY TO THE FUTURE

students in our public schools score well above the national average. However, there are a significant number of students in our schools who have reading problems. Therefore, it is recommended that a reading improvement program be initiated in our school system to help in meeting the needs of those who are slow readers.

The cooperation and assistance of all school personnel in the administering of the guidance program is acknowledged and appreciated. I wish at this time to express my sincere thanks for the many helpful contributions of time and effort that have been made in behalf of guidance services.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DR. LEWIS A. KYRIOS, *Director*

Our present Physical Education Program has been organized to include all the elementary school students, the special classes, and the entire student body of Cole Trade High School. Grades six and seven, both boys and girls, participate in regular gym classes, while all the students in grades 1 to 5 inclusive, participate in programs prepared by the Director, and supervised by classroom teachers during the recess period.

Calisthenics, games, relays, and recreational sports are emphasized in the regular gym classes. This program is flexible in order to provide a wide range of activities for the many interests and needs of the students. Each student averages one hour of physical education per week.

The program offered to the first five grades in the elementary schools has been designed to provide the students with opportunities to learn basic skills; to develop good health and safety habits; to encourage leadership, good sportsmanship, and to express themselves physically as well as mentally. This particular program has been divided into the following three levels: a program for Grades I and II, a program for Grades III and IV, and a program for Grade V. Thirty minutes a day are given to the program. Mimetics, singing games and group games are planned for the students in Grades I and II. Grades III and IV offer rhythmic activities, group games, relays and athletic games. Team games and athletic games are emphasized in Grade V.

AFTER SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM

The after-school athletic program has been organized to give the elementary students an opportunity to participate in competitive sports with proper supervision. Touch football, basketball, and baseball are offered to the boys. The girls may participate in basketball and softball. Coaches have been appointed to insure proper supervision. Schedules are carefully prepared to protect the health and safety of the students. Proper equipment and facilities have been secured.

This program has been very popular with the students and the competition has been keen and better balanced in the past year. Accent has been placed on participation on the variety as well as on the intra-mural levels.

REPORT OF ADULT CIVIC EDUCATION

MISS CONSTANCE M. L'ECUYER, *Director*

At this time, I should like to make clear some of the provisions of the latest laws in regard to Immigration and Naturalization of Aliens. With reference to Veterans, any alien who has been, for ninety days, in the service of this country, or who is a Veteran of American Wars from any country is eligible for citizenship.

A woman who has lived here and has been married to a citizen for three years may file for citizenship.

Persons of all races are able to become citizens and are admitted on the preference list on the basis of the relationship to an American citizen. Naturally, parents, then husbands, wives, or children are given first consideration.

There is one thing a Naturalized Citizen must ever keep in mind. These last laws make it easy to take away the citizenship of Naturalized Citizens and to deport them. For example, deportation may be effected for theft over five dollars.

Denaturalization threatens every Naturalized Citizen for failing to disclose any fact which he might have considered immaterial at the time he was naturalized. As for traveling, if he remains abroad for five years, he automatically loses his citizenship.

Last, but most important, every Alien faces deportation if he fails to register each January, thus reporting his address.

The most important objective of the Adult Civic Education Division of the Southbridge School Department is to reach adult non-citizens and foreign born residents, and to develop an interest in their preparation for Citizenship by helping them in every way possible to attain this goal. In this matter, the School Department has wholeheartedly cooperated with the Massachusetts Department of Education.

At this time, as Director, I wish to thank other Town Departments for their cooperation and help in giving needed information, and the Police Department for taking finger prints which must accompany each application filed.

We are pleased to note that, recently, naturalized citizens who not long ago attended Citizenship and English classes themselves, have encouraged close relatives to cross the Ocean. These new arrivals are now in English classes. This is a tribute to a Town that makes newcomers feel welcome and provides means to help them.

Private lessons and special help are given whenever there is need.

Pleasant Street Playground

Supervisor Mrs. Dorothy Simpson
Assistants Miss Ann Knowles, Miss Marilyn
O'Shaughnessy, Mr. John Di Frederico

ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

Total Enrollment	1100
Average Daily Attendance	435
Average Percentage of Attendance	42%
Largest Daily Attendance	640

MEETINGS

There were six meetings of the Supervisors held during the season, the purpose of which was to plan the activities of the week and to consider any difficulties that may have arisen during the previous week. These meetings were a source of help to all.

ACTIVITIES

The Playground program was divided in the following manner:

First Week	Organization Week
Second Week	Sports Program
Third Week	Intra-Playground Competition
Fourth Week	Amateur Shows
Fifth Week	Sports Playoffs
Sixth Week	Arts and Crafts Exhibit

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Under the capable supervision of Mrs. Kathryn Beauregard, the Arts and Crafts program was outstanding. Over 3500 pieces were made and many new articles were introduced. The polio threat forced the cancellation of the exhibit of the Arts and Crafts Program.

I wish to extend my appreciation to all those who worked so enthusiastically and loyally to make the playground a success.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF UNIVERSITY EXTENSION AND EVENING VOCATIONAL COURSES

DR. JAMES M. ROBERTSON, *Director*

Classes in evening vocational subjects were offered again this year and proved to be very well attended. The following vocational classes were started in September:

Elementary Sewing	Two classes
Advanced Dressmaking	Two classes
Tailoring	One class
Cooking	One class

University Extension classes were offered in the commercial and academic fields.

Elementary Typewriting One class

Elementary Surveying One class

These classes were conducted under the supervision of the State Department of Education and were instructed by accredited teachers.

Other classes in the vocational, commercial, and academic fields will be offered when the demand for them is sufficient to form such classes.

CAFETERIA REPORT

MRS. EDITH M. FREEMAN, *Supervisor*

The Cafeteria feeds an average of from 400 to 425 lunches each day, which represents an increase of from 100 to 125 over last year.

A new gas range and store room have been added, and a partition has been removed. This latter improvement provides better ventilation. However, there is still need of a mixer.

The Cafeteria, the Teachers' Dining Room, and the kitchen have been redecorated.

The Elementary Milk Program continues on the same high level as last year.

The Southbridge Rotary Club, Lions Club, and Southbridge Evening Woman's Club, together with the West St. P.T.A. provide milk for those who cannot afford it.

I wish to thank these organizations for their generosity in providing this additional nutrition which is so essential to children.

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS REPORT

MR. EDWARD DESROCHES, *Director*

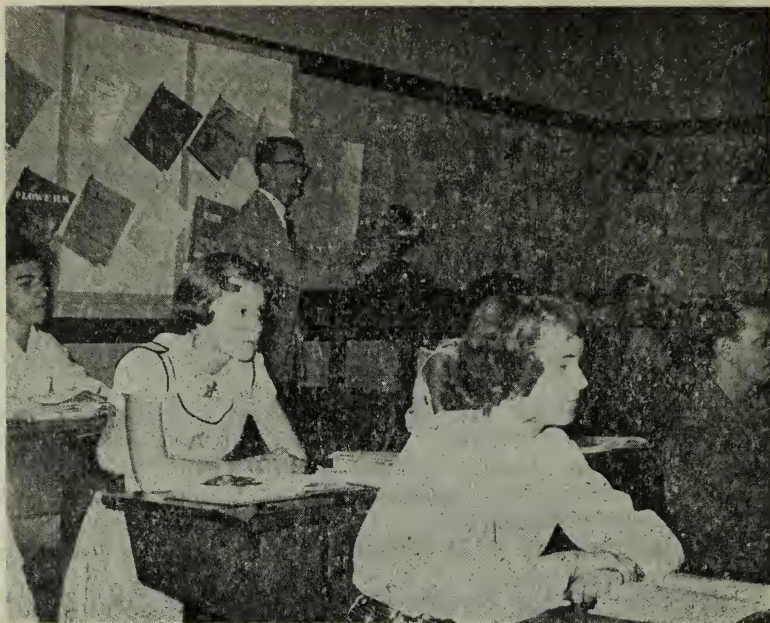
USES

The extended use of audio-visual materials is constantly being suggested and encouraged by the scientific evidence coming out of today's research in the field of education. The research shows very conclusively that children *learn more in less time* and *remember longer* when audio-visual materials are used to teach team.

Teachers of the Southbridge School System are very much cognizant of these findings as evidenced by their enthusiastic participation in the Audio-Visual Aids Program during 1955. Their use of the educational film, filmstrip, lantern slide, and tape recording, was frequent and effective throughout the year.

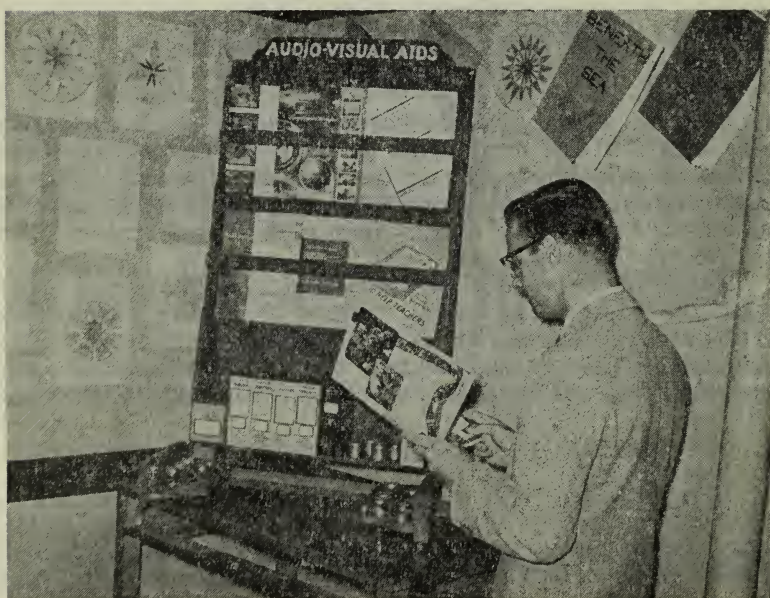
NEW EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

In accordance with the long range policy of the Department, new equipment and materials were added to the Department. A new DeVry sound motion picture projector was purchased for the High School; while approximately fifty film-



A LESSON IN PICTURES

MATERIAL FOR INSTRUCTORS



strips were added to the present filmstrip library which serves the needs of the entire school system. Our library now contains over three hundred filmstrips which are closely correlated with the major areas of the curriculum.

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS RESOURCE RACKS

In order to facilitate the dissemination of audio-visual information, specially designed racks were built and placed in each elementary school. All information (books, bulletins, newsletters, catalogs, etc.) pertaining to audio-visual education is placed in these racks, thereby facilitating the teacher's task of locating desired audio-visual information. This procedure should result in better and more extensive use of audio-visual materials in the future.

STUDENT PROJECTIONISTS

This year, as in the past, students were trained and added to the Projectionist Squad in order to relieve teachers of mechanical details and give them more time for teaching when using projected aids. Teachers have voiced repeatedly their appreciation of this service.

RESEARCH

Research, initiated last year on the problem of "Building The Type of Audio-Visual Aids Program Which Should Be in Operation In the Southbridge Public Schools," was continued through the year and will be completed early in 1956. Many new ideas, methods, and procedures have already been incorporated in the administration of the present program as a direct result of the investigation.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Department considered it a privilege to assist various community organizations during 1955. Equipment and operators were provided for the following organizations during the year: Southbridge Women's Club, Rotary Club, Hamilton Rod & Gun Club, Girl Scouts, and the Jacob Edwards Public Library.

Since the success of any program is largely dependent upon its participants, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all administrators and teachers for their interest and assistance in the Audio-Visual Aids Program.

ART REPORT

All of our children have the potential ability to enrich their lives through the value of the arts. Teachers, who value

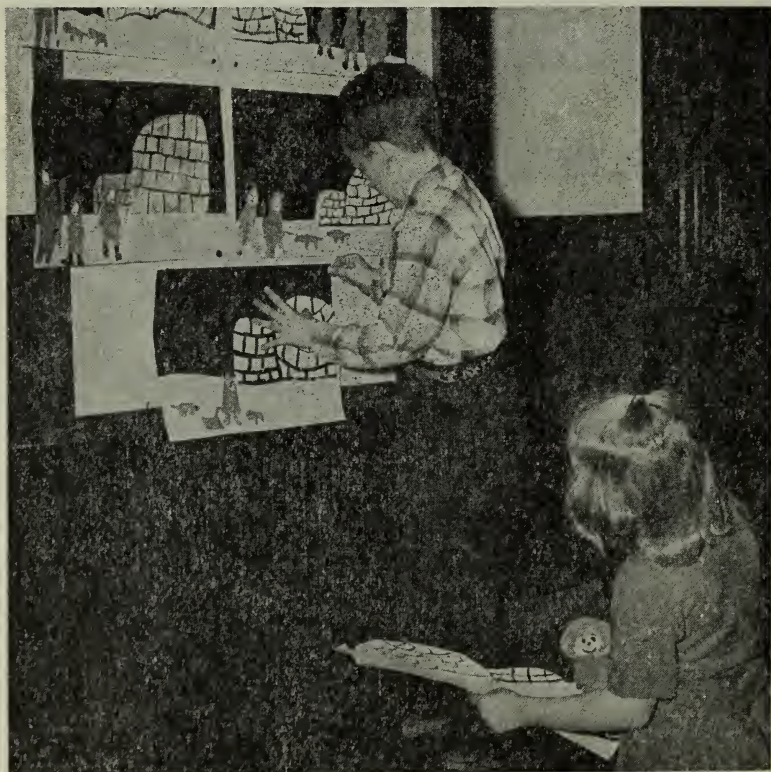
the creative ability of children, seek ways to nurture its growth. The integrated art program now in operation in the public schools of Southbridge is a flexible one, planned to help the child through the physical and human resources of our schools and his community.

In the primary grades, a child experiences, to the fullest extent, the satisfaction of expressing himself through the use of different mediums.

In the intermediate grades, work in design, drawings related to his experiences, and crafts give opportunities for creative expression to all.

In the upper grades, more difficult work is attempted, including instruction in block printing, stenciling, and the art of lettering with brush and pen; in addition, training is given in advanced color harmony, design, and participation in poster contests. On this level, many problems are related to his home and to the community.

Students in Mary E. Wells High School are offered an



SETTING UP ART DISPLAY — Pleasant Street School



EASTFORD ROAD MURAL

elective art course, which is of great value to students who wish to further their studies in art, or who are interested in drawing or painting as a leisure time hobby. Students are given thorough training in color theory, design, sketching, painting in water color, and oils for advanced students; also, layout, black and white drawings for the school paper, paper sculpture mobiles, stenciling, designing and printing for school programs, painting scenery for school plays, and making and planning decorations for school dances. The course provides stimulating and practical problems for the average, or the very gifted student.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

The name, date of appointment, and degrees appear in that order.

Robert L. Fox — 1954	M.Ed.
Sven Rosengren — 1950	M.A.
Claire Birtz — 1937	
Lewis Kyrios — 1945	D.Ed.
Ellwood Jenness — 1948	B.S.
Paul Sweet — 1950	

MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

James M. Robertson — 1937	D.Ed.
Pauline Aucoin — 1921	B.S.
Kathryn Beauregard — 1922	M.A.

Rose Brodeur — 1939	M.A.
Eva Casavant — 1933	M.A.
Laura Chapman — 1953	A.B.
Constance Coderre — 1929	B.S.
Corbin, Luise — 1915	
Edward Desroches — 1949	A.B.
Paul Duhart — 1949	M.Ed.
Thecla Fitzgerald — 1926	M.Ed.
Robert Hart — 1952	M.Ed.
Estelle Hefner — 1933	Ph.B.
Everett Holmes — 1945	M.Ed.
Persis Howe — 1930	B.S.
Barbara Kyrios — 1940	B.S.
Eino Laakso — 1945	M.A.
Gilbert Lamarre — 1954	B.A.
Harry McMahon — 1926	M.A.
William Nickerson — 1941	
Mitchell Skaza — 1955	D.D.S.
Elinor Small — 1945	M.Ed.
Flora Tait — 1939	M.A.
Frances Troy — 1927	B.S.
Lindzay Varnam — 1943	M.Ed.
Elsie Wanerka — 1945	B.S.
John Welch — 1948	M.Ed.

COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

Raymond L. W. Benoit — 1949	M.Ed.
John Benson — 1942	B.S.
George Braman — 1938	
Walter Glondek — 1938	
William Paul — 1942	
Guy Raiti — 1955	
Eugene Remian — 1949	B.S.
Frank P. Skinyon — 1934	B.S.
Lawrence Swenson — 1932	
Edwin Waskiewicz — 1952	

CHARLTON STREET SCHOOL

R. Joseph Racine — 1944	M.A.
Dorothy Berthiaume — 1954	A.B.
Lorene Fierro — 1954	B.S.
Helen Golden — 1948	
Claire Kirk — 1949	B.S.
Gwen Kuszewski — 1954	
Dorothy Locke — 1954	
Ruth Mahan — 1948	B.S.
Bernard Pouliot — 1955	B.A.
Anthony Sapienza — 1954	B.S.
Marie Saunders — 1954	

EASTFORD ROAD SCHOOL

Raoul Lataille — 1940	M.Ed.
Theodore Finnerty — 1948	M.A.
Bertha Foley — 1912	
Irene Gough — 1912	
Thomas Mahoney — 1954	B.S.
Cathryn Maxwell — 1945	
Julia Morrill — 1914	
Vincent Puracchio — 1950	B.S.
Dorothy Simpson — 1954	B.S.
Marie Skaza — 1949	
Florida Tarquinio — 1942	B.S.
Lois Traub — 1955	B.A.
Ruth Huson — 1946	

MARCY STREET SCHOOL

Constance L'Ecuyer — 1940	M.A.
Patricia Callahan — 1939	M.A.
Elizabeth Curtis — 1944	A.B.
Alice Dion — 1926	
Josette Dupuis — 1948	A.B.
Myrtle Jodrey — 1944	
Martha Koprowski — 1954	B.S.
Malcolm Nash — 1948	M.Ed.
Evangeline Towse — 1948	M.Ed.

MECHANIC STREET SCHOOL

Anita Sfreddo — 1953	Ms.B.
Ann Bousquet — 1955	B.S.
Tynne Straatveit — 1955	M.A.

PLEASANT STREET SCHOOL

Camella Dintini — 1940	B.S.
Corinne Beaudreau — 1924	
Ruth Sampson — 1930	
Mary Winston — 1951	

SPECIAL TEACHERS

William E. Rinehart — 1952	
Stanley Naumnik — 1954	B.S.
Clara Reed — 1941	

WEST STREET SCHOOL

Laurenda Boyer — 1927	
Yolande Augusto — 1951	B.S.
Dagmar Irwin — 1954	
Nancy Jodrey — 1954	B.A.

John Kowalski — 1955	B.A.
Madelene Proulx — 1954	B.S.
Eva Salviuolo — 1943	B.S.
Dorothy Sheriff — 1945	
Anne Skudlark — 1954	
Celestine Sweet — 1932	

CAFETERIA PERSONNEL

Edith Freeman — 1953	Manager
Gladys Alger — 1953	
Viola Galligan — 1953	
Irene Gates — 1954	
Isabel LaForce — 1953	

CHANGE OF TEACHERS

Left

March—*Mary Puracchio	Eastford Road
May—Francis Couture	Cole Trade High
June—Claude Lacouture	Mary E. Wells High
June—*Arthur Lane	Mary E. Wells High
June—Rosaire Pariseau	Cole Trade High
June—Lorraine Gagne	Charlton Street
June—Elizabeth Duhamel	Charlton Street
June—William Haith	West Street School
August—Joseph Angelini	Marcy Street
September—Ernest Hall	Cole Trade High
September—Ruth Cummings	Cafeteria
October—Louisa Steenburn	Special Class
December—Dr. Mitchell Skaza	Mary E. Wells High

Appointments

September—Dr. Mitchell Skaza	Mary E. Wells High
September—Guy Raiti	Cole Trade High
September—Bernard Pouliot	Charlton Street
September—Lois Traub	Eastford Road
September—Ann Bousquet	Mechanic Street
September—Tynne Straatveit	Mechanic Street
September—Joseph Kowaleski, Jr.	West Street
September—Edith Freeman	Cafeteria

CHANGE OF JANITORS

Appointments

January—Joseph Libera	Mary E. Wells High
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January—Frederick Alger	Mary E. Wells High
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JANITORS

1954—Joseph Brouillard	Marcy Street
1946—John B. Craite	Cole Trade High

1942—Armand Gaumont	Mechanic Street
1952—Wilfred P. Gauthier	West Street
1952—Adelard Lavallee	Mary E. Wells High
1943—Theophile Leduc	Charlton Street
1955—Joseph Libera	Mary E. Wells High
1941—Joseph Moore	Eastford Road
1949—Eugene Tetreault	Pleasant Street
1953—George St. Martin	Mary E. Wells High

CONCLUSION

We have placed before you a record of activities, changes in personnel improvements in the system and other material which we hope has given you an understanding of our aims, our hopes and our problems. We are grateful to you, the taxpayers of the community for all that you have done, and we hope that we may have your support in our plans to improve and expand the educational program.

To the Southbridge School Committee with whom it has been a pleasure to work, to the hard-working staff, to all who have contributed in any way to the year's achievement, I close this report in an expression of appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT L. FOX

Superintendent of Schools

